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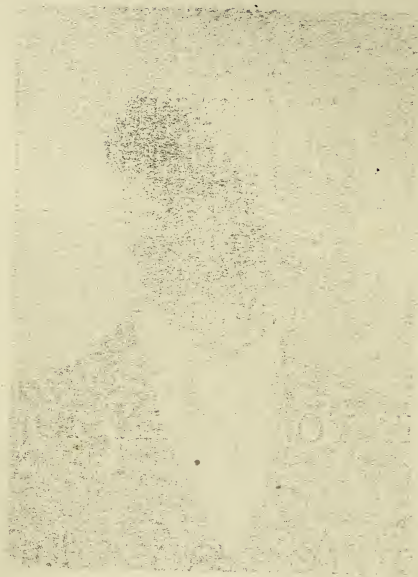
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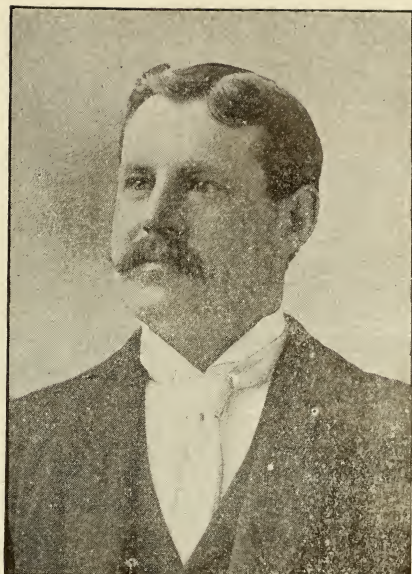
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WILLIAM B. MOYNIHAN, Senior Vice Division Commander.
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Proceedings of the Sixteenth
ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1899.

ENCAMPMENT called to order in Music Hall at 10:15 A. M.; Division Commander E. W. Estes in the chair.

Commander Estes—The mayor of the city was to be present at this session for the purpose of extending an address of welcome, but I am informed that he is still out of the city, but expected momentarily. There are present, I believe, some gentlemen of the press, who were to remain during the address, but as the address will be postponed I am obliged to request them to withdraw. I have appointed as officer of the day Lieutenant G. R. Brainerd of Camp No. 43. The Adjutant will call the roll of officers.

The Adjutant called the roll of officers who responded as follows:

Division Commander E. W. Estes, present.
Senior Vice Division Commander Philip Reece, absent.
Junior Vice Division Commander John W. Parkhurst, present.
Division Adjutant Charles H. E. Moran, present.
Division Quartermaster Ralph Sheldon, present.
Division Surgeon John F. Halpin, present.
Division Chaplain Charles F. Sherman, present.
Division Inspector M. J. Downing, present.
Division Mustering Officer Thomas Gray, absent.
Division Judge Advocate L. K. R. Laird, present.
Division Council—J. V. G. Bogart absent; C. A. Schoeneck, absent; J. L. Cronin, absent.

By the Commander—I will appoint as acting Senior Vice Commander, Captian L. J. Dambman, Camp No. 33; and as acting Surgeon, Captain Wilcox, Camp No. 78; as acting Division Council, F. G. Gallagher, G. A. Burnham A. Sievers, Jr.

By the Commander—Inspector, you will examine those present, and you will see that the guards are at their respective stations and in possession of the proper password and countersign. The acting Surgeon will assist.

Frank K. Maples, Camp No. 20—Is the Division Mustering Officer present?

By the Commander—He is not. I will appoint Brother Houghton of Camp No. 41 acting Division Mustering Officer.

Inspector M. J. Downing—Commander, I find all present entitled to remain, with the exception of several Grand Army men who have not been obligated.

By the Commander—Inspector, you will conduct these veterans to the altar for obligation.

Veterans obligated in due form by Commander Estes.

By the Commander—Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Veterans in annual session to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual forbearance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order and to ourselves. The Chaplain will invoke Divine blessing.

Prayer offered by Division Chaplain Chas. F. Sherman.

By the Commander—Brothers, attention; salute the flag.

By the Commander—Now, by virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the New York Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Camp Guard will admit all brothers qualified to enter.

By the Commander—Inspector, you will arrange the altar.

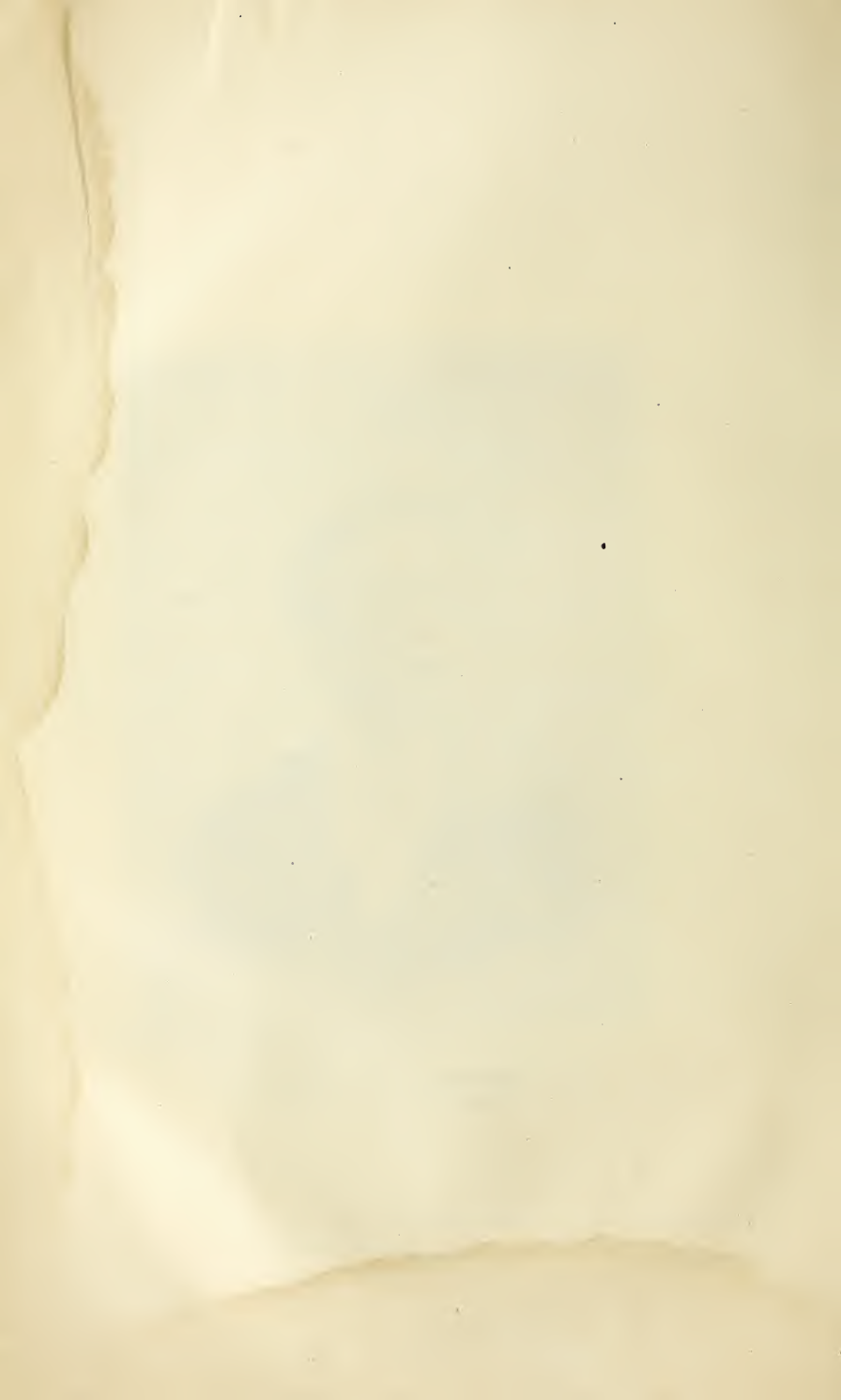


CHARLES T. HAUPTMAN, Junior Vice Division Commander.
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H. C. SCOFIELD, Division Quartermaster.
(For Biography see page 91.)



By the Commander—The Committee on Credentials was appointed in the last Division Order, following the custom adopted in other Divisions, in order to facilitate business in the opening of the Encampment. The committee is now as follows:

Chas. H. E. Moran, Chairman; Edward Harrigan, Rochester; L. H. Wells, Gloversville; Jos. R. Swain, Sing Sing; Clarence W. Davidson, Cooperstown.

By the Commander—The Adjutant will call the roll of members, duly accredited. If the Committee can report twenty-five to thirty names, we can proceed to business.

The Adjutant calls the roll.

By the Commander—I will appoint the following committees:

Ritual—Frank K. Maples, 20; Jas. W. McNary, 134; H. H. Parker, 9; L. W. Van Voast, 42; W. H. Riley, 25.

Resolutions—Clarence Demorest, 88; Ernest Miller, 6; John J. Rackiewicz, 135; Isaac Smith, 78; L. J. Dambman, 133.

Officers' Reports—Past Col. Holmes, Past Col. Macy, Past Col. Wyker, Past Col. Oberdorf, Past Col. Diven.

Constitution, Rules and Regulations, with power to consider changes in by-laws if there are any such propositions, provided no other action is taken by the Encampment—A. J. Clark, 43; J. C. Kemp, 35; R. F. Schmidt, 168; S. M. Bower, 26; Chas. H. Heinsoth, 171.

By the Commander—It is to be hoped that these committees will convene immediately at the close of this session and proceed at once to business. It is the desire of this Division, as expressed in a resolution adopted at Peekskill, that this Encampment shall be in session two days only. I am desirous of following out your wishes, and have arranged, so far as is in my power, so that we can conclude our business by 9 o'clock to-morrow night. The Committee on Credentials will have a report this afternoon, and it is to be hoped the other committees will have their reports as well. The chairmen will please

heed this suggestion and endeavor to give us work this afternoon. Next in order are the officers' reports. The first in order is that of the Commander.

Division Commander's Report

BROTHERS:—

When I assumed the office of Division Commander one year ago at your command, I was careful to make you no promises regarding the years' work. I was well acquainted with the duties which I knew were to devolve upon me. I knew the heavy burdens carried by my worthy predecessors and was conscious that if I were to prove myself worthy of the high office you have honored me with, that no ordinary measures would do. I simply resolved in my own heart that no sacrifice would be deemed too great for me to make in order to properly perform my duty. If this resolution has been kept, I leave you to judge. Personally, I shall retire from this office within a few hours satisfied, in my own mind, that I have done my utmost; that I have subordinated, during the entire year, my family, my business affairs, my usual pleasures—all in fact to the furtherance of the principles of our beloved order and to the building up of our camps.

Active organizing operations began as soon as my headquarters received the equipment—about July 25th. I deemed it wiser to attempt the strengthening of the camps already in existence than the aiding of new camps indiscriminately, and I have therefore discouraged the forming of new camps where old ones already existed, unless there was some powerful reason for the formation of a new organization. Aides were appointed in nearly every camp and they and the captains were especially appealed to, to commence active operations. The aides were requested to render regular reports, and I am compelled to mention Past Captain Albert Seivers, Jr., for his efficient work during the year and the regularity of his reports to me.

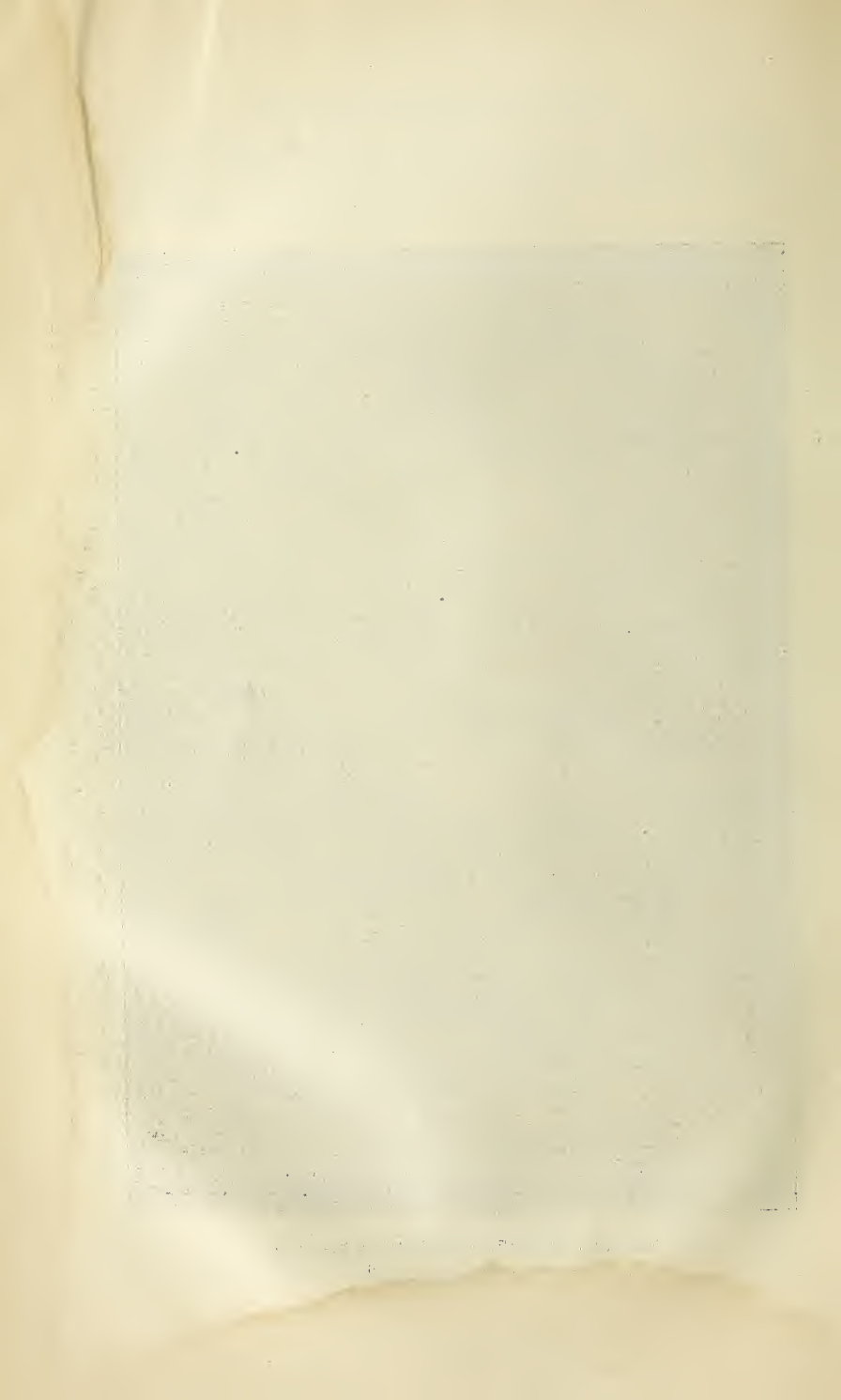
While this portion of my work was deemed most important, new fields for branches of our organization were cultivated. Every Grand Army Past Commander in the state has received a personal communication from me, together with a blank charter application and circular, as well as a stamped and addressed envelope for his reply. While I regret even that this means did not insure an answer to my letter from all or nearly all, yet quite a number made favorable replies and several camps have been organized by this means, notably W. J. Crammond Camp No. 145 of Rome. I am further convinced that the right course was adopted, because these replies are coming in even now, and we have received more charter applications and inquiries regarding the proper methods to pursue in forming camps during the last six weeks than in any previous three months. The seed has been sown in fruitful soil and we will gather the harvest in due season.

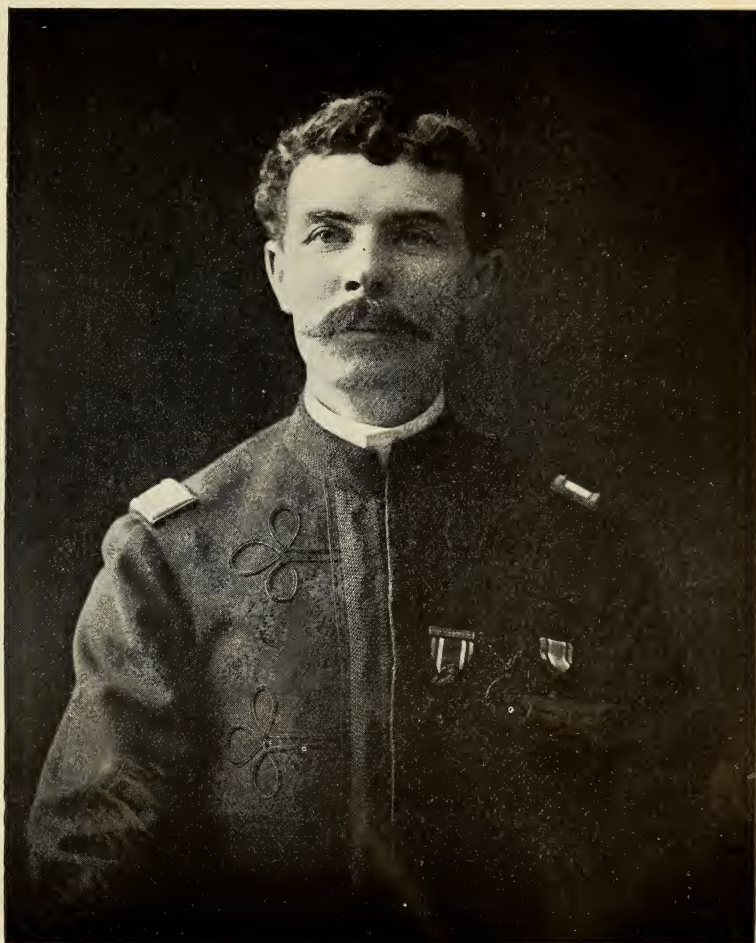
Not only has work of this kind been done through the posts, but I also turned to the Woman's Relief Corps as well, and not in vain. Personal communications of like character were sent to the presidents of many corps and the responses were always prompt and favorable. I desire at this time to acknowledge my indebtedness to Mrs. Ada G. Mohr, Past President of the Department of New York, W.R.C. for the many services rendered us during the year. Her devotion to us is only exceeded by her regard for the veteran, the sick and needy. Many a wounded and sick soldier has cause to bless the name of Ada G. Mohr.

Another method adopted was the attempted reinstatement of all old disbanded camps. Countless letters have been sent to various ex-members of the order. While the results have not been large, yet I can count at least two camps reinstated by this means. This does not refer to camps merely suspended, as a number of these have been reinstated. It was my



CHARLES VETTER, JR., Division Surgeon
(For Biography see page 91.)





CHARLES H. E. MORAN, Past Division Adjutant.
(For Biography see page 94.)



custom to select some half dozen or more names from the rosters of the old camps and write each one. This plan shows results also.

I feel that I can conscientiously say that at no time during the last eight years were the prospects better for the formation of new camps and I believe that the coming year will be a record breaker in this respect, if this feature be but properly attended to.

I have personally mustered a number of camps and I have been especially pleased with the class of members who have joined them. They have been largely composed of men of mature age who were actuated by a true conception of our principles and were becoming members because of their love for them. The average age of those who are eligible to membership is constantly growing higher, and as we enlist the cordial co-operation of those who are advanced in life, so do we add strength and solidity to the organization.

OFFICIAL VISITS

It has been my pleasure to visit forty two (42) camps during the year. The total number of official visits was fifty-seven (57). I have visited seven towns, which are not included in the above figures, for the purpose of organizing camps, but so far have not accomplished this result. These figures do not sound large, but I know they will be appreciated by those Past Commanders who have attempted the same amount of work. I have also been a believer in public meetings of camps for organizing purposes, and wherever possible I have urged camps to hold such meetings, inviting our kindred organizations and all the eligible and worthy Sons in the neighborhood. I have attended nearly twenty such meetings during this year, and the results have in every case been excellent.

The net results of the year's work is more real than apparent. The Adjutant's balance of members now in good standing would have been considerably larger if some of the oldest camps had shown a reasonable degree of activity. One camp for instance, shows a net loss of nearly one hundred members—over two thirds of its total—a percentage of loss equalled by some of the other camps mentioned. This is extraordinary and remarkable as an example of what lax discipline can do.

My visits have convinced me that the camps throughout the state are, generally speaking, in good condition, but I cannot speak encouragingly of the condition of our order in Greater New York. We have steadily retrograded as an order there during the year. There is a lack of fraternity among the camps which should cease at once, and our brothers should realize that only by united efforts can the order obtain the prominent place it deserves. Greater New York offers a field for recruiting and organization unequalled in any other portion of the state, and our membership should be materially increased in that vicinity. There are individual camps which have maintained their strength, and, in fact, increased, but they are exceptions.

Our camps should aim to provide greater personal benefits than now exist. We should not require new members to join our order because of sentiment only, or if they do, let us be able to convince them that there is practical benefit to be derived as well. I would urge all camps to jealously guard their funds and establish sick and death benefits as soon as possible. Other organizations no better situated than we are, are maintaining such benefits and their usefulness has been proven many times. At the present time there is too much looseness regarding the paying out of camp funds for items which are not properly camp indebtedness, and rules should be prescribed therefor.

BOND

As soon as installed I made arrangements for obtaining a surety company bond, preferring that method to being under obligations to any

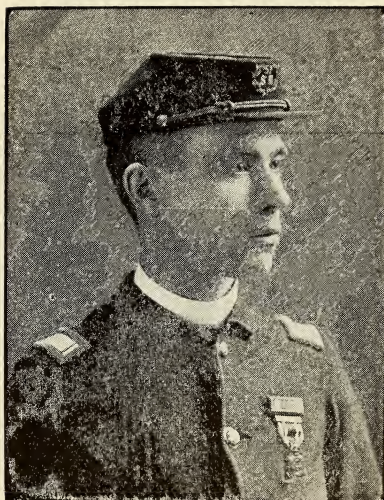
of my friends, and also because it is much better for the organization. The fee for a \$2,000 bond was \$15, which I cheerfully paid. It seems to me, however, that as your Commanders serve without compensation, this is an expense which the Division should meet in the future. The by-laws should be amended so that the bonds of reliable surety companies can be accepted. This law was adopted at the last session of the Commandery-in-Chief, and provided for camp and division surety company bonds.

FINANCES

The finances have been managed with economy commensurate with the needs of the Division. I have not aimed to make the balance on hand at the end of my year the largest in our history, but have used the funds freely whenever it was necessary to do so to advance our interests. At the same time, the balance to be turned over to my successor will be more than was received by me. The Division does not owe a dollar, and all of our bills have been promptly met. I was compelled to muster one camp and furnish a camp packet without receiving any fee, in the case of Camp No. 65, of Corning. It seems that the fee of this camp was duly paid to Commander Robertson in October, 1893. Proper credit was made upon the cash book, but for some reason the camp was never mustered. While every precaution was taken to save expense in exchanging the Rituals, some loss to the Division resulted.

THE OMAHA ENCAMPMENT

Certain duties were laid upon your representatives at the last National Encampment and you trusted that certain honors would come to our Division as a result. We are disappointed. There are several reasons for this, and the most important is that when New York has present upon the floor of the National Encampment delegations which properly represent us, as to numbers and influence, then only can we expect to occupy our proper place. As it was, for instance, last year, we had seven votes present, though entitled to just twenty-seven, and found Divisions having one-quarter our membership with twice our voting strength on the floor. And this has been the rule for a number of years. Our delegation was deserted at the last moment by those who should have been there, and whose knowledge of the situation, properly directed, would have been of material benefit to the Division. I am also of the opinion that there have been instances in the past when our representatives have permitted their wrong ideas of politics to determine their action, and personal likes and dislikes have dictated movements which have been unnatural and have alienated from our Division those who have been friends; whereas those with whom we have been allied have taken the first opportunity, when return support was expected of them, to repudiate all claims which we had upon them. As a result, our attitude has caused but a small portion of Commandery-in-Chief honors to fall to our share. Since September, 1893, New York has had two minor offices—one a member of the Council-in-Chief and the other an appointment of Inspector-General. During that time Pennsylvania has had six offices, Massachusetts seven, Ohio five, and Kansas six. Missouri, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Illinois have all received greater recognition than New York. These figures show that something has been wrong in our management of national politics. I urge that the greatest possible care be exercised in the selection of our delegates. Choose true and tried men only. It should not be a question of selecting men who can attend merely. There should be other qualifications demanded than that. Have your delegation composed of your strongest men; those who are Sons of Veterans all the year round, and not merely at Encampment time; those who are ready to push the order forward at all times and who are believers in its principles; whose



GEORGE B. CATHERS, Clerk Division Council.
(For Biography see page 91.)



CHAS. A. SCHOENECK, Past Member of Div. Council.
(For Biography see page 97.)

actions will be dictated by a keen regard for the honor of our Division, and not to gratify personal malice and uncharitableness; who will form friendships for the Division based upon good judgment and not allow political actions to be swayed by personal antipathies. Then only will New York resume her rightful position in the column of Divisions; then only will New York have steadfast friends in our National body.

ARMING THE CAMPS

Noting that there were four members of our Division who were members of the state Assembly, I addressed a letter to each one asking if it was not possible to have a law passed permitting the Adjutant General of the State National Guard to issue such arms and accoutrements as were in the state's possession and were not needed by the Guard. At the time the letter was written it was considered certain that a new gun would be issued to the guard, and I assumed that the Springfield rifle now in use would be available for our purpose. Brother F. A. Ware, past captain of Lafayette Camp No. 140, promptly responded to my suggestion and introduced assembly bill No. 730, covering the idea just indicated. After considerable trouble this bill finally passed both houses and went to the governor for his approval. Receiving an intimation that the adjutant-general disapproved the bill, I appealed to the governor to grant a hearing upon it, but none was permitted and the bill failed to receive his approval. While the result has not been what we expected, yet this Division is under deep obligations to Brother Ware for his earnest efforts in our behalf, and suitable recognition should be accorded him.

OFFICERS

I am under a deep sense of obligation to Inspector and Adjutant C. H. E. Moran for his faithful services. While inspector, Brother Moran's duties were fully performed and the Division has never had a more efficient occupant of that office. Every effort was made by him to secure a fair, effective and economical inspection, and his ratings have been made with a view to justice and uniformity. I might add in noting this subject that assistant inspectors do not always appreciate the desirability of thoroughness in making their notes on the blanks, and thus oftentimes defeat the very purpose of the inspectors.

Upon special occasions I have asked the assistance of some of my other officers and the responses have been uniformly prompt. It is to be regretted, however, that many of our officers feel that they are only called upon to perform the specific duties required of them by the Division Commander, instead of realizing that they are, each one of them, to be a potent factor in the securing of decided organizing results in all portions of the state. Immediately upon my accession to office, I notified each appointed and elected officer of a certain general work expected of him, requesting them to select a particular field for their labors and offering to help them all in my power at the place selected. I regret that in but a single instance was there even a response to my communications, although in some cases I had designated a field which I felt could be cultivated by the particular officer selected. In one case, where my letter had been sent to an officer with his allotment of official stationery, early in July, not even the receipt of the letter was acknowledged until December. If Division officers are to prove negligent, what are we to expect of members at large? I know of one officer who has not paid an official visit to a camp located within a trifling distance of his home. I regret that my sense of duty compels me to write this paragraph of my report, but knowing that a certain amount of success has attended my efforts, I feel that the results could have been much greater if I had been reinforced by an aggressive staff of officers whose efforts would have been similar to my own. I know that I am

censuring some officers who have done splendid work in their own camps during the year, but that is no more than has been done by many brothers not so honored. A Division officer should realize that he belongs not merely to his camp, but to the Division at large, and while it is the duty of every member to build up his camp, it is more particularly the duty of Division officers to perform services outside and beyond their camp boundaries. I am unable to point to a single camp organized as a result of the efforts of any officer. I trust my successor will be able to note an improvement in this direction and that a greater degree of efficiency in our organizing work will result.

The Division was never better served in the quartermaster's department than it has been this year under the able management of Brother Ralph Sheldon. His daily presence at Headquarters has entirely relieved me of any anxiety regarding the management of our supply department, and as a veritable "watch dog of the treasury" he is unequalled. Every requisition has been filled by him upon the day it was received, excepting in isolated instances when supplies were delayed by the quartermaster general's department. His books are models of neatness and correctness. Once during the winter his accounts showed a deficit of twenty cents, and his usually handsome face became sadly marred by his mental anxiety until the missing sum was found. His every duty has been well performed and I am proud of the record he has made. I might state in passing that every officer of this administration has served without personal remuneration.

The hand of death has been heavily laid upon us and I regret to have to report the loss we have sustained in the decease of ex-Senior Vice Commander H. C. H. Cooper, of Glidden Camp No. 6.

Major A. P. Davis the founder of our Order recently died at Pittsburg. Appropriate resolutions should be adopted by this Encampment.

My relations with Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard and Adjutant-General George B. Abbott have been cordial in the extreme. I have sought their advice and assistance often and have always found them ready at every call.

The Department Assistant Adjutant-General of G. A. R., Nathan L. Munger, has been of assistance and suggestions of his regarding fields for organizing have been followed up with advantage to our Order. Were all members of the Grand Army as thoughtful of our interests as Veteran Munger our ranks would shortly be doubled.

The By-Laws of this Division provide that officers attending Division Encampments shall be paid the lowest rate of fare only. It seems to me that the actual expenses of the Commander, Adjutant and the Quartermaster should be met. The sacrifices these officers are called upon to make during the year are great enough without compelling them to meet additional expenses in attending encampments where their presence is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the Division. I shall, therefore, recommend a change in our law in this particular. The Division is not generally aware that the Commander and delegate-at-large are allowed car fare expense only in attending National Encampments. I make no recommendation upon this point, however.

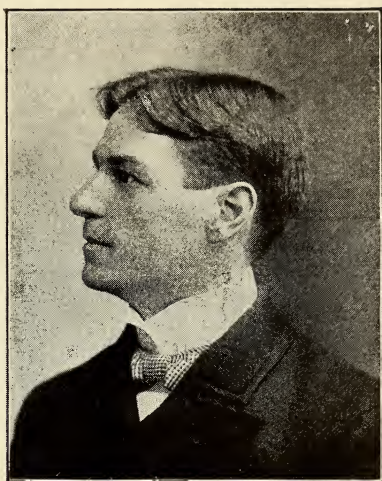
NEWSPAPERS

* Realizing how effective newspaper notices are in increasing an order's prestige and in stimulating a membership, early in the year I wrote to several papers supposed to be identified with our interests, asking that the space allotted to us be increased and offering to co operate with them in obtaining the necessary matter. The response from the Grand Army Journal was prompt and cordial, and that paper has published many a column in our interest during the year. More news would have been printed if copy had been sent in. I feel under deep obligations to the editors of that paper for their active co operation with me.

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CHARLES F. SHERMAN, Past Division Chaplain.
(For Biography see page 97.)



JOHN L. CRONIN, Past Member Division Council.
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The question of an official organ is one which comes up every year, but seems to me never to have been settled in a satisfactory manner. The Division of Illinois provides for a paper which goes direct to each member of the Division and the expense is met by the Division treasury. I may submit some figures regarding this matter to you before adjournment.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The value of an auxiliary body is being constantly proven by our sisters of the Ladies' Aid Society. Ever ready to help without waiting for our call, they are a decided source of strength to the organization. I trust that the day is not far distant when every camp will have its sister society and I am positive that then all will admit its value.

NEW BOOKS

Although the last Encampment empowered me to make changes in conducting headquarters business, no changes have been made. I realize that there has never been any method of checking up supplies—no stock book, in other words—yet I fail to perceive how such a book will be any insurance against loss, partly because large quantities of supplies are constantly being used by headquarters officials for Division work. I know such a book would add materially to the burdens of those whose time even now is fully occupied. If your officers are not fair or honest, no book system that can be devised will prevent minor irregularities. A loss of any size can be detected under the present system. The aim at present should be to curtail labor at headquarters, not to increase it. Changes could be made in certain blanks, but this is a matter that lies within the province of the Commandery-in-Chief, not in ours. There is one change, however, which should be adopted in the near future, when finances will permit, and that is for headquarters to have a card registry of members, on the order of a library catalogue. It will be a much superior system to that now in use.

We meet to-day under very different conditions from those which existed one year ago. Then our country was at war with a foreign foe, and many of our brothers were absent in our country's service. To-day the cloud of war has passed away and Peace with its attendant blessing again broods over the land. It has been a year of glorious history; of unexampled prosperity; of deeds of heroism which thrill the blood at the recollection. It has brought death to many of the noblest and the bravest—honorable death upon the battlefield. Many a stricken home exists to-day and the dread realities of war have been brought to each locality. The generation of to-day appreciates the costs of war more keenly than it did one year ago, and we are more inclined to honor the brave and true than ever before. Patriotism, love of country are no longer in the abstract but are living realities. Sons of Veterans are proud that the glorious principles we have exemplified for twenty years are now recognized as potent influences, which should actuate all true citizens. The war, which to the unthinking, meant the dissolution of our organization, has, upon the contrary, strengthened us, and those of our brothers who have served so faithfully, coming home veterans themselves, are more enthusiastic Sons of Veterans than ever. Our badge is still to them a valuable token to be worn with pride. We have everything to hope for in the future; nothing to discourage us. The platform upon which we stand is sound; persistent and vigorous efforts of our true hearted brothers will bear us upward and onward, ever increasing our measure of success.

In conclusion I desire to thank the entire Division for the uniform courtesy which has been accorded me. It has been the busiest year I

have ever had, but I shall look back to it with pleasure. I have loved the work and sincerely wish that I could have continued it for another year, believing as I do that pronounced success would have been my portion, but my business associates have demanded my services in a new field of labor and I must obey the call. I am deeply gratified at the unsolicited tokens of approval that have come to me during the past few weeks, and regret that I am compelled to decline the compliment these brothers would have paid me, by permitting them to seek for me a renewal of the honor which you bestowed upon me one year ago. I take my leave of you as a Commander with a warm regard for each brother, and may God's choicest blessings rest upon each of you.

Respectfully submitted

E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. That our delegates to the Commandery in-Chief be instructed to have rules properly formulated regarding what constitutes the proper expenditures of Camp funds.

II. That the by-laws be amended, permitting reliable surety companies' bonds to be given by any Camp officer and the Division Commander.

III. That the fee for the Commander's bond be met by the Division, not exceeding fifteen dollars in any one year.

IV. That a committee be appointed to draft resolutions upon the deaths of Major A. P. Davis and Brother H. C. H. Cooper.

V. That the by-laws be amended, permitting the car fare and hotel bills of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster in attending Division encampments to be met by the Division treasury.

VI. That a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions of thanks to Bro. F. A. Ware for his efforts in our behalf during the recent session of the legislature.

Wm. B. Moynihan, No. 6—In order to expedite matters I move that the recommendations in the Commander's report that the resolutions be drafted on the death of Maj. A. P. Davis and Ex-Senior Vice Division Commander H. C. H. Cooper of Glidden Camp No. 6, and also to Bro. Ware for his efforts in our behalf during the recent session of the legislature, be adopted.

Ernest Miller, No. 6—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I will appoint a committee for this purpose at the end of the session.

Next in order is the report of the Sr. Vice Commander. As the Sr. Vice Commander is not present, I presume the acting Sr. Vice has no report to make.

By the Commander—Next in order is the report of the Jr. Vice Commander.

Jr. Vice Commander—I have no report to make.



JOHN W. PARKHURST, Past Senior Vice Commander.



COLONEL RALPH SHELDON

(For Biography see page 87.)

By the Commander—Next in order is the report of the Division council.

Not ready to report.

By the Commander—Next in order is the report of the Division Adjutant.

Division Adjutant's Report

To Officers and Members of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of The New York Division, S. V. U. S. A.:

As Adjutant of this Division in presenting my report for your consideration, I trust that the closest attention will follow that the proper credit may be given the figures which enumerate the volume of the work done by this department. Under these conditions I present you a review of this work with a full appreciation of my inability to do justice to the subject. The number of members in good standing June 30, 1898 was 3291. It is with pleasure that we are now able to report, basing our return upon the consolidated report of March 31, 1899, a total membership in good standing of 3774, a net gain of 496 members. This report is not upon paper but will be fully substantiated by the one due June 30th, and I am free to say, for the first time in the history of our Order the June 30th report will exceed in membership the report made by any outgoing administration and that we will be nearer the 4000 mark than ever before is a certainty. The clerical work of the Department has increased two fold the past year.

The number of Camps in good standing March 31st last were one hundred twelve (112); new Camps mustered since March 31st, four, making a total of one hundred sixteen (116) Camps in good standing. The total number of new Camps mustered during the year was thirteen; suspended thirty-seven; reinstated seventeen and three surrendered their charters, eleven had their charters revoked and one Camp was furnished a charter which it had failed to receive at the time of the muster into the Order.

Nearly 400 paid for commissions were issued. The usual large number of Division transfers were issued. Forty-one Dispensations have been granted. More than six thousand letters have been mailed; twelve Division Orders were issued, or in all 2400 and one series of General Orders being mailed separately. There was mailed also under separate cover some four hundred circulars. A most complete system of organizing was inaugurated which has been followed up. Five hundred ten blank Charter applications with as many typewritten letters being sent to points where Camps should be organized. It is needless for me to state that the amount of correspondence arising alone from inquiries and information desired from persons interested in the work would keep an ordinary typewriter busy every hour of the day answering them, and if it were possible to continue this work as it was intended it should be, the greatest benefit would result from it. The total amount of mailing matter sent from these headquarters during the past year, including letters, circulars, Division Orders and other periodicals, amount to nearly 11,000 pieces. Only your active participation in this work can bring to you a true conception of its magnitude.

Your Division Adjutant has no recommendations to offer, but trusts that the members who are here present, to-day, will take with them the same spirit of enthusiasm with which our beloved Commander is inspired. We ask you to give your assistance in the upbuilding of your Order in your locality, and that you will be able to enlist active workers whom you know better than we, whose influence will be advantageous. All this we ask you to do with a determination to build up our membership.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Commander, for the patience and the many considerations shown me during this our official year.

The following Division orders have been issued:

ALBANY, N. Y., August 18th.

DIVISION ORDER No. 7, Series of 1898.

I. The National Encampment will convene at Omaha, Nebraska, September twelfth, and remain in session four days. The General Order of Commander-in Chief Darling, which will probably accompany this order, will undoubtedly give full information regarding rates of fare, hotels, etc., It is probable that the railroads will make a rate of one and one third fare to Chicago, and from that point to Omaha, one fare for the round trip. The opportunity of attending a meeting of the Commandery in-Chief under such favorable circumstances, should cause the attendance of a large number of the members of this Division. The Trans-Mississippi Exposition is being held at Omaha, and that alone is well worth the cost and trouble of making the trip. Our Division has large interests at stake in this session of the national body, and the Commander desires a full representation because of those interests. Each brother intending to be present will please notify headquarters.

II. Quartermaster Ralph Sheldon, having filed his bond and entered upon the discharge of his duties, all remittances will be made to his order.

III. H. H. Winchell Camp No. 43 has changed its meeting night to first and third Mondays.

McFarland Camp No. 25 has changed its meeting place to Commercial Building, Broadway and Hudson avenue, Albany.

IV. A new camp, Lieut. Oliver C. Ayers, No. 100, was mustered at Trumansburg, August ninth, Henry Mente, Mustering Officer; charter applicants, 24. Officers are: C. R. Wolcott, Captain; George R. Durling, First Lieutenant; C. F. McMurry, Second Lieutenant. Meets first and third Mondays. The thanks of the Commander are tendered to Veteran N. R. Gifford for his valuable services rendered in recruiting this camp.

E. H. Springer Camp No. 92, Moravia, was mustered on April ninth, by F. B. Harvey. Recruits mustered, 41. Captain, Charles Springer, First Lieutenant, John Patterson. Meets Fridays.

Captain H. W. Rathbun Camp No. 98, North Cohocton, was mustered May 23, by I. N. Goff. Recruit mustered 26. Captain E. L. Bloom; First Lieutenant M. D. Clark; Second Lieutenant, John Hayes.

V. The following changes of camp officers have occurred: Walter T. Kempton, Captain of McClellan Camp No. 74, vice Sievers resigned; Charles Davis, Captain, Tappen Camp No. 1, vice Linson resigned; William Tracy, Captain, Apalachin Camp No. 98, vice Pratt, resigned. Lieutenant A. McCurdy, Jr. is acting Captain of Camp No. 22 and Lieutenant R. Dykeman is acting Captain of Camp No. 71.

VI. Requisitions for supplies on two forms of blanks have been received at these headquarters. Camps having forms quoting price of regulation badge at forty-two cents will not add any percentage for Division profit. Other forms, charging but thirty-three cents for badge, must have twenty-five per cent. additional accompanying requisition.

VII. The name of Member of Division Council Cronin was incorrectly given in the recent order. It should be John L. Cronin.

VIII. The resignations of Captain C. F. Briggs, Camp No. 77; Lieutenant C. E. Mix, Camp No. 4, and Captain George S. Clark, Camp No. 3, have been received and accepted and election of their successors ordered.

IX. George S. Crawley Camp No. 143, having paid all dues and surrendered its charter, the following members were granted transfer cards: R. S. Weaver, Philip St. John, William J. Darin, H. S. Marvin, F. M. Elwood, C. H. Weaver, H. S. Weaver, J. E. Moore, H. F. Marvin, Clement St. John.

X. Photographer Townsend, of Peekskill, obtained several negatives of groups of brothers at the late Encampment, which make good souvenirs.



ELDRIDGE W. ESTES, Past Colonel.
For Biography see page 88.)



He also has a most excellent picture of the National Guard State Camp. These pictures can be obtained of Mr. Townsend at a reasonable price.

XI. The Peekskill Encampment was most agreeably surprised at receiving an official fraternal visit from Mrs. Ada G. Mohr, Department President of the W. R. C. She was accompanied by several members of her staff. The cordial greeting of the Corps which Mrs. Mohr conveyed to us must be especially pleasing to our Order, as conclusive evidence of the friendly feeling that organization has for us.

XII. A fund is being raised by the Women's Relief Corps of this state, for the relief of the sick and wounded of the army and navy. The Commander desires the Division to help augment this fund and will receive and acknowledge remittances for that purpose.

XIII. Failure to forward reports for the quarter ending June thirtieth caused the suspension of the following camps on August fifth: Nos. 3, 15, 26, 29, 33, 45, 47, 70, 79, 81, 82, 84, 89, 93, 107, 115, 122, 191, 207, 229.

The following Camps having forwarded reports since above date, have been reinstated: 3, 26, 79, 89, 115, 122.

Camps Nos. 23 and 72, which were suspended for failure to make reports for quarter ending March thirtieth, are reinstated, having filed all required reports to date.

Mansfield Camp No. 28, Brooklyn, has 137 members and is the largest in the Division. O'Rourke Camp No. 60, Rochester, has 136 members.

XI. The adjutant's and quartermaster's reports for the quarter ending June thirtieth are published herewith. While our membership shows a falling off for the quarter, as compared with previous report, yet this is not a true test, as the necessity of sending report to our national headquarters earlier than usual caused the suspension of a large number of camps. Several of these camps have already been reinstated, and our actual membership can safely be computed as showing a substantial gain for the quarter.

A number of Camps are entitled to a place upon our Honor Roll for marked increase in membership during the quarter:

H. H. Winchell Camp No. 43, Utica, gained	-	-	-	21
H. E. Parker Camp, No. 9, Gloversville, gained	-	-	-	20
De Lancey Cole Camp No. 78, Peekskill, gained	-	-	-	13
Richmond Camp No. 63, Port Richmond, gained	-	-	-	13
O'Rourke Camp No. 60, Rochester, gained	-	-	-	12
H. E. Murray Camp No. 8, Poughkeepsie, gained	-	-	-	12
Ablett Camp No. 4, Cohoes, gained	-	-	-	9
D. W. Burdick Camp No. 40, Ithaca, gained	-	-	-	7
Lincoln Camp No. 7, New York, gained	-	-	-	7

The above Camps are heartily congratulated by the Commander for the good results achieved.

XV. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Division Commander, with rank of First Lieutenants:

Chas. Caswell, Townsend Camp No. 1; Joy S. Rosa, Tappen Camp No. 1; Fred Myers, Catlin Camp No. 3; S. B. McLuckey, Ablett Camp No. 4; J. A. Bannon, Lincoln Camp No. 7; W. H. Wylie, VanEtten Camp No. 15; A. L. Call, Parker Camp No. 16; H. Burrows, Upton Camp No. 18; Frank K. Maples, Young Camp No. 20; W. H. Riley, McFarlane Camp No. 25; S. M. Bower, Tilden Camp No. 26; H. M. Lord, Tilden Camp No. 26; Martin Short, Jr., Mansfield Camp No. 28; J. H. Heitman, Mensfield Camp No. 28; Irving E. Nestell, Pros Camp No. 34; J. L. Rice, Myers Camp No. 35; George B. Fish, Burdick Camp No. 40; S. E. Smith, Meade Camp No. 41; Charles Hagen, King Camp No. 42; W. C. Gray, Winchell Camp No. 43; Denton A. Fuller, Kellogg Camp No. 48; Harmon N. Smith, Searing Camp No. 51; E. C. Parkinson, O'Rourke Camp No. 60; G. Zimmerman, Strong Camp No. 69; Albert Sievers, Jr., McClellan Camp No. 74; C. A. Clark, DeLancey Cole Camp No. 78; I.

H. Smith, DeLancey Cole Camp No. 78; R. B. Bontecue, Tibbits Camp No. 86; C. L. Demorest, Waverly Camp No. 88; A. B. Kiernan, Allen Camp No. 91; Jacob Schmitt, Reno Camp No. 102; Max L. Masius, Reno Camp No. 102; Benjamin Teufel, Williams Camp No. 103; Joseph R. Swain, Van Wyck Camp No. 104; Frank W. Hollis, Warner Camp No. 105; L. J. Dambman, Gilsa Camp No. 133; James McNary, McConihe Camp No. 134; A. C. Listman, Sniper Camp No. 166; John T. Suttie, Anderson Camp No. 167; Robert F. Schmidt, Dupont Camp No. 168; Adolf Hoeffling, Dupont Camp No. 168; F. R. Gardner, Sackett Camp No. 170; Charles H. Heimsoth, Koltes Camp No. 171; H. J. Frame, W. Niles Smith Camp No. 220; Charles Classon, W. Niles Smith Camp No. 220.

The above officers will be respected and obeyed accordingly. Additional appointments will be published in later orders. Brothers accepting appointments as Aides, will promptly advise the Commander and remit twenty-five cents for commissions, in accordance with the Division By-Laws.

Official:

WM. L. ALLEN,
Adjutant

By command of

E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

ADJUTANTS' QUARTERLY REPORT.

To GEN. CHARLES K. DARLING, Commander-in-Chief:

SIR:—I have the honor to present to you my report for the quarter ending June 30, 1898.

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS

Gain.		Camps.	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report.....		107	3,479
Gained by organization and muster in.....		4	311
Gained by transfer .....		.....	5
Gained by reinstatement.....		5	122
Aggregate.....		116	3,917
Loss.		Camps	Members
By Camps disbanded.....		1	10
By death.....		.....	4
By honorable discharge .....		.....	9
By transfer .....		.....	6
By suspension		20	597
Total loss.....		21	626
Number in good standing.....		95	3,291
Number mustered during this quarter.....		.....	109
Number remaining in good standing upon which per capita tax is due.....		.....	3,182
Number reinstated in good standing upon which per capita tax is due for last quarter.....		1	122

I remain yours in F. C. and L.,

Approved.

E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

WM. L. ALLEN,
Adjutant

ALBANY, N. Y., September 22.

DIVISION ORDER No. 8, Series of 1898.

I. The Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was held in Omaha, Nebraska, September 12-16. Past Colonel Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois, was elected Commander-in-Chief. Fred E. Bolton was elected Quartermaster-General, with headquarters located at Boston, Mass. The New York Division was represented by seven members. In addition to the Commander, Bros. Swain, Parkinson, Parker, Durston, Personious and Oberdorf were present. No radical changes were made in

the C. R. & R. It was decided to abrogate the present ritual and to replace it early in the coming year with one of one degree, which shall consist of the salient features of the ritual now in use.

II. The reports of the condition of the order made to the Commandery were most encouraging. For the first time in years our membership shows decided gain. The financial showing was excellent, the cash on hand being about four times the amount reported the previous year.

III. Accompanying this order is Special Order No. 1 regarding the regular camp inspection about to commence throughout the order. A copy of the inspection blank is herewith sent to each camp captain in order that he may be fully informed as to the nature of the inspection. This blank must be turned over to the Assistant Inspector the night of inspection. The Commander desires the Assistant Inspectors to communicate with him regarding camps inspected which may not be doing good work and are in need of assistance.

IV. Applications for camp charters have been received from Carthage and Rome. The camp at Carthage was duly mustered under special dispensation upon August 30th by Assistant Mustering Officer Colburn Bennett; name of camp, General D. B. White No. 32; applicants mustered 15; the commanding officer is Lieutenant Ray W. Merrill. The captain-elect, E. J. Westcott, is at Camp Black, and will be duly installed upon his return from service. The camp at Rome will be mustered by the Division Commander upon September 30.

V. All captains are hereby ordered to report at once to the Adjutant whether any members of their camps have been in the military service during the late war. If so, the names of the members, with their company, regiment or ship and any other data relating to their rank and wounds, illness or deaths, must also be forwarded. The fact that no members of any one camp were in the service will not avail as an excuse for such captains not making a report upon this subject, as a reply must be received from each captain in order to make the facts accumulated of value. From partial reports already made to the Commandery-in-Chief, the order can be assured that the record made by our membership is a most glorious one. A roster containing the complete list of all members of the order in the United States service will be published.

VI. A blank requisition for supplies is herewith forwarded to each camp. It is important that each member be provided with a copy of the C., R. & R., a regulation badge and a buttonhole decoration. All camps should keep ample supplies upon hand. In ordering supplies use this form only.

VII. The following camps having forwarded all reports and per capita tax, are hereby reinstated: Nos. 70, 191 and 229.

VIII. Tappen Camp No. 1 meets on 1st, 3d and 5th Wednesday evenings hereafter.

IX. the following changes of camp officers are announced: Past Colonel John M. Diven has been elected captain of Camp 77, Elmira; Harry A. Townsend is first lieutenant and Charles H. Lewis second lieutenant of Camp 87, Glen Cove; William Davidson is first lieutenant of Camp 4, Cohoes; Capt John Wannemacher, Camp 86 Buffalo, and Captain C. T. Hauptman, Camp 41, Dobbs Ferry, have resigned, and the election of their successors ordered.

X. The following brothers are hereby appointed aides-de-camp upon the staff of the Division Commander with rank of first lieutenant: John G. Swan, Camp 31; W. G. Thorpe, Camp 55; Maurice Townsend, 87; James G. Andrews, Camp 2; Charles H. Paulding, Camp 133, Charles H. Rafferty, Camp 186; Herbert A. Russell, Camp 20; R. J. La Lone, Camp 203, Ray W. Merrill, Camp 32; C. T. Hauptman, Camp 42.

If above appointments are accepted, the brothers named will remit 25

cents to the Adjutant for their commissions, and will report to the Commander by letter for special duty.

XI. Blanks for the quarterly reports due September 30th have been sent to each captain. The Commander feels confident that they will be promptly made out and returned without the necessity of any further urging. Make remittances to the order of Ralph Sheldon, Quartermaster.

XII. Since succeeding to the command of this Division the Commander has commenced corresponding with nearly three hundred points where camps should exist, and nearly that number of blank charter applications have been issued. Favorable responses have been received from a large number of his correspondents, and the outlook for a successful campaign is most promising. Various posts of the G. A. R. and several branches of the W. R. C. are organizing camps, and are taking active steps to further our interests. It is safe to assume that the Division will gain largely during the year through new camps. The question for each member of the order to consider is the amount of personal effort he is willing to make to insure the welfare of his camp and to compel a portion of the general prosperity awaiting us to rest with it. It is astonishing to note the condition of some of our camps which are most advantageously situated, as compared with others not so fortunate, but which are in the front rank of our organization. It all depends upon the individual members. The Commander has in mind a camp which nine months ago was in a bad condition. The membership was small, the treasury was bankrupt, enthusiasm and interest were absolutely dormant. A new captain was elected, and his vigorous methods injected so much renewed spirit and life among the few remaining members that that camp now ranks among the first in the Division. Nearly forty recruits have been mustered, the camp finances are in excellent shape, meetings are held weekly and are largely attended. These are the results of one man's labor. Why should not each camp have a like experience? Will not every single member of this Division determine that he will make a new resolve to be more mindful of the honor and welfare of his camp and to be zealous in advancing the glorious principles of our order.

By command of
E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

Official:

W. L. ALLEN,
Adjutant.

(ERRATUM—The following Report of the Quartermaster, together with the Consolidated Camp Report and Division Roster should have followed the Adjutant's Report in Division Order No. 7, but were inadvertently omitted by the printer when that portion of the book went to press. They are therefore given here, though not to be considered as a part of Order No. 8.)

DIVISION QUARTERMASTER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK DIVISION }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }

August 5th, 1898

FRED E. BOLTON, Adjutant General:

SIR:—I have the honor to present to you the following financial report of this Division for the quarterly term ending June 30, 1898:

Amount on hand at date of last report.....	\$334 90
Received since for per capita, charter fees, supplies and from all other	482 53
Total.....	\$817 43
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter,* 3,182 members in good standing at 4 cents each.....	\$127 28
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 122 members reinstated or not reporting last quarter.....	6 64
Expended for incidental expenses of the Division and supplies.....	464 68
Total.....	598 60
Balance on hand at date.....	\$218 83

*It is expected that the Division Quartermaster will not close his books for this quarter until he has entered the amount of per capita tax reported above.

CONSOLIDATED CAMP REPORT

RECEIPTS

On hand at date of last report according to reports of camps received in this quarter	\$7,882 04
Reported to have been received from all sources during the quarter	2,591 19
Total	\$10,473 23

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid by camps for Division per capita tax this quarter, 3,182 members in good standing, at 12½ cents each	\$397 75
Paid by camps, per capita tax on 122 members reinstated	20 75
Paid by camps for relief to members of the order of their families	185 21
Paid by camps for relief to all persons from camp funds	10 00
Paid by camps, incidental expenses	2,595 43
Total	\$3,209 14
Balance in the hands of camp quartermasters	\$7,264 09

RALPH SHELDON,
Division Quartermaster.

DIVISION ROSTER

Commander E. W. Estes, Tweddle Building, Albany.
 Senior Vice Commander Philip Reece, 219 East 122d street, New York.
 Junior Vice Commander John W. Parkhurst, Pulaski.
 Adjutant, W. L. Allen, Tweddle Building, Albany.
 Quartermaster Ralph Sheldon, Tweddle Building, Albany.
 Surgeon, John F. Halpin, 140 North Third Street, Brooklyn.
 Chaplain, Charles F. Sherman, Mt. Vernon.
 Inspector, C. H. E. Moran, box 332, Albany.
 Mustering Officer, Thomas Gray, 13 Devoe street, Brooklyn.
 Judge Advocate, L. K. R. Laird, Auburn.
 Division Council—J. V. G. Bogart, Waverly; C. A. Schoeneck, Syracuse; J. L. Cronin, Buffalo.

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY, N. Y., September 24.

DIVISION ORDER No. 9, Series of 1898.

I. Applications for camp charters have been received from Wilson, Niagara county, 46 applicants, and Canandaigua, 36 applicants, W. J. Cramond Camp, No. 145, Rome, was duly mustered September 30th by the Division Commander. The officers are W. J. Abbott, Captain; E. E. Speidel, First Lieutenant; A. E. Audas, Second Lieutenant. Number of applicants mustered, 43. The commander desires to return thanks to members of the camps at Utica, Syracuse and New York Mills for assistance given him at this muster. He also thanks Commander W. J. Cramond, G. A. R., and Brothers Relyea, Taber, Abbott, and all who were instrumental in organizing this camp.

II. The Commander had noticed with deep regret that our members were giving but little attention to advertising the order through the news columns of the several papers supposed to be devoted to our interests. A personal appeal on his part has caused a revival of this work, and he thanks those members who have responded so cordially. The matter sent in will all be published, though only a portion could be used in the current issue of the Journal. The Commander is ready to supply news items to all news papers desirous of publishing Sons of Veterans news.

III. The response of camp captains to Section V, Division Order No. 8, has been gratifying. There are a few still delinquent and they will not fail to file their reports upon this matter at once. The Commander is sur-

prised to find so few camps who are not represented by one or more of its membership in the country's service during the late war. The record when completed will be one that we can all feel proud of. A decoration will be presented each one of our members so serving.

IV. With deep regret, the Commander announces the death of Brother William R. Ostrander, Co. D, 203rd Regt., N. Y. Vols., which recently occurred at Camp Meade. Brother Ostrander was a member of Custer Camp, No. 106, Newburgh.

V. Camp Captains will invariably turn over to the Assistant Inspectors the inspection blank which was enclosed with the quarterly reports. See Section 111, Division Order No. 8.

VI. The following changes of camp officers are announced: Captain George B. Fish, Camp 40, Captain Jacob Schmidt, Camp 102, Captain Seldon W. Mott, Camp 72, Captain C. A. Bennett, Camp 16, have tendered their resignations and the election of their successors ordered. C. T. Hauptman has been elected Captain of Camp 41; John Munderback, Second Lieutenant of Camp 53; M. J. Dunne, First Lieutenant of Tappen Camp, No 1; Valentine Wilson, Captain of Camp 86; Conrad Kogel, Captain of Camp 102.

VII. Anderson Camp, No. 167, meets at 31st St. and Eighth Ave., New York, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

VIII. The following brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander with rank of First Lieutenant: W. T. Samuels, Libbey Camp, No. 135; R. L. Maycumber, Kellogg Camp, No. 48; F. R. Taber, Cramond Camp, No. 145; F. H. Relyea, Cramond Camp, No. 145; Charles H. Paulding, Gilsa Camp, No. 133; Leslie A. A. Pease, Stevens Camp, No. 24; R. M. Genthner, O'Rourke Camp No. 60; Robert Attridge, Glidden Camp, No. 6; Alfred R. Williamson, McLeer Camp, No. 19; Dr. Henry F. Parker, Murray Camp, No. 8; L. H. Wells, Parker Camp, No. 9; George Amente, Parker Camp, No. 9.

Brothers accepting above appointments will remit 25c for Commission.

IX. The prospects for a substantial gain in the membership of the Division through the muster of new camps are excellent. A large number of camps are in process of organization and the correspondence at Headquarters betokens a revival of interest in every portion of the State. The circumstances connected with the organizing of two of the three camps named in Section I. of this order should encourage every member. A personal letter of the Division Commander to the commander of the G. A. R. Posts in Rome and Canandaigua was the primary cause of the formation of these camps. If a few moments of time spent in the writing of a letter can produce such results, how much more is to be expected through the personal application and united efforts of our faithful members. Let each camp select some place in its neighborhood as a field of action, and commence an aggressive campaign.

Procure complete lists of the eligible members in the neighborhood. Bombard them with letters of invitation to place their names upon the charter application. A few days later let a committee spend a day in the town. The result will be a charter list of sufficient size to warrant the mustering of a camp. Every camp in this division has sufficient active members to enable the membership to be doubled in a half year if the attempt be made with energy and perseverance. Let every camp not only do this, but also endeavor to recruit its own membership. Have a public meeting this coming month; invite the local G. A. R. post and the W. R. C.; invite the clergymen of your town; invite also every worthy eligible son of veteran and grandson; provide some kind of entertainment and a light repast; have some stirring speeches, and don't permit a single eligible son to leave the hall until he has had the opportunity of signing an application blank. The result is sure to be good. Camps which adopt this

Official:

By command of

E. W. ESTES,

E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

W. L. ALLEN,

Adjutant.

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY, NOV. 26.

DIVISION ORDER No. 10, Series of 1898.

I. William H. Adams Camp No. 5, Canandaigua, was duly mustered by the Division Commander on November tenth, assisted by brothers from Rochester and Seneca Falls, Charter applicants mustered, 28. Officers elected were W. H. Raymond, captain; Lewis H. Adams, first lieutenant; W. S. Sleight, second lieutenant.

II. Blank reports for quarter ending December 31st are herewith forwarded to each captain. They must be filled out and returned with per capita tax by January 1, 1899.

III. New camps are about ready for muster at Corning, Little Falls, Wilson, Potsdam and New York.

IV. Division Order No. 9 announced the election of Valentine Wilson as Captain of Camp No. 86. It should have read Camp No. 85.

V. The election of officers in all camps should take place at the first meeting in December. The attention of camp officers is called to section 1, article VII, page 13, C., R. and R. The Commander does not propose to offer any advice regarding the necessity for the selection of capable men to fill camp offices. He takes it for granted that all members will be guided in making their choice by a sense of the responsibility involved, and a proper conception of the oath of obligation. Camps should immediately choose their installing officers and submit the name of the brother selected to the Adjutant without delay. No officer can be installed except by a duly appointed installing officer, commissioned by the Division Commander. Dispensation is hereby given to each camp to hold public installation if desired, and such course is strongly recommended.

VI. blanks for reports to Division Surgeon are herewith forwarded to each captain. These reports must be filled out at once by the sitting captain and forwarded to surgeon John F. Halpin, 140 North Third street, Brooklyn. Failure to forward will deprive camps of their representation in the next Encampment. Captains will be particularly careful to fill in the total number of members mustered. This question is at the top of the list of questions. As it does not appear among the numbered questions, the answer has been omitted as a rule, and has necessitated much unnecessary correspondence.

VII. The following changes of camp officers are announced: F. A. Harned has been elected captain, R. A. Bennett, first lieutenant and H. Axtell, second lieutenant of Quinby camp, No. 13. H. S. Bush has been elected captain and E. E. Van Dine first lieutenant of Burdick camp No. 40. G. H. Pease has been elected captain and M. J. Dickinson first lieutenant of Rogers camp No. 72. E. E. Burnell has been elected captain of Catlin camp No. 3, and F. D. Peters captain of Van Etten camp No. 13.

VIII. Camps No. 15, 45 and 107, having forwarded back reports, are duly reinstated. The following camps are suspended for failure to forward reports for the quarter ending September 30th: Nos. 67, 229, 230. The reports for the quarter came in with unusual promptness with but few exceptions.

The following camps made net gains of three members or more:

McFarlane camp No. 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Myers camp No. 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Winchell camp No. 43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Shenandoah camp No. 46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
O'Rorke camp No 60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Slocum camp No. 62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Rathbun camp No. 98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Noyes Camp No. 199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

The largest camp in the Division is O'Rorke No. 60 with 141 members. The next camp is Mansfield No. 28, with 136 members.

IX. An impostor claiming to be a member of camp No. 36, Massachusetts Division, is soliciting aid from members of this Division. He is about 5 feet 8 inches tall, medium weight, full face, light hair and moustache, and a smooth talker. He claims to be a salesman of barber's supplies.

X. Past Captain C. A. Ganoung, camp No. 199, and C. D. Townsend, camp No. 102 are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the Division Commander, with rank of first lieutenant.

XI. The following camps being one year or more in arrears, are hereby dropped and their charters revoked, in accordance with section 5, article 4, page 54, C., R. and R : Camps No. 54, 56, 58, 65, 83, 158, 203, 212, 228, 231.

XII. The attention of camp officers is especially called to section II, General Order No. 5, relative to payment of per capita tax on members of camps at present serving in the army or navy. Lists of such members must be forwarded with quarterly reports in order to secure the remission of the tax.

XIII. Notice has been received at the Division Headquarters of the shipment of the proceedings of the Peekskill Encampment, from Elmira. As soon as received a copy will be sent to each camp. Extra copies will be sold at 25 cents each.

XIV. The report for the quarter ending September 30th shows a decided gain in membership. A comparison with our reports for the same quarter during the last six years is very encouraging. In three years we sustained considerable losses for the summer, one of them aggregating 528 members. In only two do we show gains and then only for small amounts. The summer quarter is the hardest one in which to hold our membership, and that we have not only done so, but also made a net gain of 232 members, is cause for congratulation. We are emerging from a season of doubt and despondency, and the continued efforts of our active members will soon place the New York Division "on top."

Official:	By command of
W. L. ALLEN,	E. W. ESTES,
Adjutant.	Commander.

ADJUTANTS' QUARTERLY REPORT.

To GEN. FRANK L. SHEPARD, Commander-in-Chief:

SIR:—I have the honor to present to you my report for the quarter ending September 30, 1898.

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS

Gain.	Camps.	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report.....	95	3,291
Gained by organization and muster in.....	3	167
Gained by transfer .....	.....	6
Gained by reinstatement.....	11	294
Aggregate.....	109	3,758
Loss.	Camps	Members
By death.....	.....	7
By honorable discharge.....		6
By transfer		4
By suspension	3	218
Total lo s.....	3	235

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Number in good standing.....	106	3,523
Number mustered during this quarter.....	3	74
Number remaining in good standing upon which per capita tax is due.....		3,449
Number reinstated in good standing upon which per capita tax is due for last quarter.....		290

I remain yours in F. C. and L.,

Approved,
E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

W. M. L. ALLEN,
Adjutant

DIVISION QUARTERMASTER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK DIVISION)
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }

November 20, 1898.

GEO. B. ABBOTT, Adjutant-General:

SIR:—I have the honor to present to you the following financial report of this Division for the quarterly term ending September 30, 1898:

Amount on hand at date of last report.....	\$218 83
Received since for per capita, charter fees and from all other sources.....	603 91
Total.....	\$822 74
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter,* 3,449 members in good standing, at 4 cents each.....	\$137 96
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 290 members reinstated or not reporting last quarter.....	11 60
Expended for incidental expenses of the Division and supplies.....	592 42
Total.....	741 98
Balance on hand to date.....	\$80 76

*It is expected that the Division Quartermaster will not close his books for this quarter until he has entered the amount of per capita tax quoted above.

CONSOLIDATED CAMP REPORT

RECEIPTS

On hand at date of last report, according to reports of camps received in this quarter.....	\$7,946 78
Reported to have been received from all sources during the quarter.....	2,742 60
Total.....	\$10,689 38

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid by camps for Division per capita tax this quarter, 3,449 members in good standing, at 12½ cents each.....	\$431 12
Paid by camps, per capita tax on 290 members reinstated.....	36 25
Paid by camps for the relief of members of the Order, or their families.....	124 87
Paid by camps, incidental expenses.....	2,846 21
Total.....	3 438 45
Balance in hands of camp quartermasters.....	\$7,250 93

RALPH SHELTON,
Division Quartermaster.

DIVISION ROSTER

Commander, E. W. Estes, Tweddle Building, Albany.
Senior Vice Commander, Philip Reece, 219 E. 122d St., New York.
Junior Vice Commander, J. W. Parkhurst, Pulaski.
Adjutant, W. L. Allen, Tweddle Building, Albany.
Quartermaster, Ralph Sheldon, Tweddle Building, Albany.
Surgeon, John F. Halpin, 140 North Third street, Brooklyn.
Chaplain, Charles F. Sherman, Mt. Vernon.
Inspector, C. H. E. Moran, box 332, Albany.
Mustering Officer, Thomas Gray, 13 Devoe street, Brooklyn.
Judge Advocate, L. K. R. Laird, Auburn.

Division Council—J. V. G. Bogert, Waverly; C. A. Schoeneck, Syracuse; John L. Cronin, Buffalo.

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY, Dec. 28.

DIVISION ORDER No. 11, Series of 1898.

Col. O. T. Beard Camp, No. 29, Poughkeepsie was duly mustered by the Division Commander, December 13th, charter applicants, 27. Officers elected were H. F. Parker, captain; First Lieut., George Boshart; Second Lieut., C. W. Fraleigh. W. C. Sherwood camp, No. 65, Corning, was duly mustered December 21st, by Past Col. John M. Diven, Ass't Mustering Officer. Charter applicants mustered, 21. Officers elected were C. E. Allen, captain; First Lieut., Claude Hall; Second Lieut., Arnold Armstrong.

II. Blank reports for the quarter ending December 31st, together with reports to be forwarded to the Division Surgeon were issued to each camp captain with last Division order. Some camps have already reported and all are due by January 2nd. Officers elect cannot be installed until these reports are forwarded. The commander expects that the high record of the last quarter will be maintained, and that no camps will permit themselves to be suspended. The new pass word and countersign will be forwarded with each receipt for per capita tax.

III. A few camps have not yet selected their installing officer and reported same to Division headquarters. Installing officers will be appointed by the commander for all camps failing to make a choice by January 5th.

IV. The attention of sitting captains is again called to the fact that they are required to report regarding the service of their members in the Army and Navy during the late war. This record to be valuable must be complete, and no brother who is entitled to be entered thereon, should have his name omitted from the Roll of Honor.

V. Incoming captains will carefully note Section II, General Order No. 6, herewith promulgated. The new rituals will be ready for distribution early in January. Captains will mail the old rituals to these headquarters, prepaying postage, and enclosing an equal amount of postage to insure the return of the new rituals. All five rituals must be returned. As there may be some delay in obtaining the new books, and it is undesirable that the new officers should be without rituals for any extended time, the Commander directs that the old rituals be returned on January 15th. The new books will be issued promptly thereafter.

VI. F. German has been elected First Lieutenant of camp 21, to fill vacancy. C. M. A. Smith, Merriam camp, No. 52, has been duly appointed Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Division Commander with rank of First Lieutenant.

VII. The proceedings of the last Division Encampment are on hand at Headquarters, and a copy has been sent to the captain of each camp. This copy is the property of the camp. A copy will be sent to each member of the order who attended the Encampment, upon receipt of seven cents to cover postage and packing. Lists of said members must be furnished by retiring camp captains. Other members desiring copies of the proceedings will remit twenty-five cents.

VIII. Camp 229, which was suspended in last Division Order, is reinstated, having forwarded report due.

IX. Attention of camps is called to Section VI, General Order No. 6, regarding the observance of Union Defenders' Day. We hold in precious recollection not only the sainted Lincoln and thousands of his compatriots whose memory we delight to honor, but also this year it is our duty to add to the number of our heroes, those who gave up their lives in de-

fense of our country in the war which has just ended so happily. The names of Lincoln, Baker, Ellsworth, Sedgwick, Lyon, and a host of other Civil War heroes, will live forever in the memory of a loyal people. No less proud are we of the names of Bagley, Capron, O'Neil, Ellis, and their comrades whose blood has fertilized the isles of the sea which were the gift of Columbus to Ferdinand and Isabella. Each camp should hold appropriate public exercises during the week of February 12th.

X. The new year with its opportunities and responsibilities is at hand. The old year has gone into history. As an order it has been one of prosperity and advancement, but not to the extent that our membership should have accomplished. Our added growth has been the result of the labor of a small minority of our members. The large portion have "held back in the traces" and so far failed to add the strength to which the order was entitled. Let a new resolve, a new vow, be taken at this the commencement of a new year in our history. Let each member decide that he will spare no effort to build up his camp, and will assist in advancing the interests of the order in all directions possible.

By command of

E. W. ESTES,

Division Commander.

Official

W. L. ALLEN,

Adjutant.

DIVISION ORDER NO. 1, Series of 1899.

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY. Jan. 28.

I. Peter A. Porter camp, No. 143, was mustered at Wilson, Jan. 12th, by Commander R. A. Ferris, of the G. A. R., assisted by Division Councilman John L. Cronin. Applicants mustered, 32. Officers elected: Captain, J. Grant Wright; first lieutenant, J. A. Weaver; second lieutenant, Jesse G. Biggins.

Armstrong camp, No. 203 was mustered at Manlius, Jan. 18th, by Captain George B. Rice. Applicants mustered 22. Officers elected: Captain Ivan C. Cross; first lieutenant, Frank L. Maine; second lieutenant, Ernest Cooper.

II. The Commander is gratified at having learned of the general intention of our camps to celebrate Union Defenders' Day. Our order can do no better duty than to properly exemplify our regard for the memory of those who fought that the Union might be preserved, and especially at this time to teach our people the lessons involved in the study of the life and death of Abraham Lincoln.

III. The reports of nearly all camps for the last quarter have been received except those due from the following: 1 Townsend, 15, 16, 22, 32, 33, 70, 89, 91, 107, 115, 122, 191, 229. The Commander is much grieved that the very excellent gains which were made during the last quarter through the muster of new camps and the reinstatement of others should be nullified by wholesale suspensions of members of some camps. It has been the custom to enumerate the gains in the past. It is but fair to count our losses as well. The following camps show losses of six members or more:

	R. V. Young camp No. 20	suspended	7 members
Oliver Tilden	" 26	" 10	"
Mansfield	" 28	" 51	"
Wincheil	" 43	" 10	"
Strong	" 69	" 7	"
Diven	" 77	" 17	"
Queen City	" 85	" 14	"
Gilsa	" 133	" 8	"
McConihe	" 134	" 6	"
Sniper	" 166	" 7	"

It is but fair to state that some of the above camps show the muster of a few recruits, but not enough in any case to offset the losses.

IV. The charter of camp 186 of Olean, has been revoked by the Division Commander for being one year or more in arrears for reports. The charter of camp 203, Plattsburgh, was duly revoked by the Commander-in Chief, December 30th, 1898, in accordance with the recommendation of the Division Commander.

V. The following camps have made no request for the appointment of an installing officer and the same should be done at once: Camps 1 Townsend, 15, 16, 22, 23, 33, 46, 54, 56, 67, 70, 82, 89, 91, 104, 106, 107, 115, 120, 121, 122, 240, 147, 158, 191, 229, 230.

VI. The following camps have made no reports regarding the service of their members in the military or naval forces of the government during the Spanish war, and the fact that no members served does not excuse the sitting captain from making a report upon this subject: Camps 1 Townsend, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 38, 42, 44, 45, 46, 49, 51, 53, 55, 60, 65, 67, 70, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 87, 89, 91, 92, 95, 97, 100, 103, 105, 107, 121, 122, 135, 136, 138, 140, 142, 145, 147, 164, 166, 167, 180, 220, 225, 229, 230. Captains of these camps will make report without delay, regarding this matter.

VII. The new rituals have not yet been received at these Headquarters from the Quartermaster-General. As soon as received they will be issued without delay to every camp which has sent in its old rituals in accordance with instructions given in last General and Division Orders.

VIII. The Commander has noticed with much satisfaction the evident prosperity and success which has attended every camp that has a Ladies' Aid Society attached, and he urges each camp not so fortunate to assist at once in the muster of such a society. Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Division President, Waverly, will furnish blanks and necessary information.

IX. The Division is to be congratulated upon having four of its members as representatives in the state assembly this year. They are Brothers John E. Mason, B. S. Fordyce, J. L. Burnett and F. A. Ware. In view of the fact that the National Guard of the state will undoubtedly have new arms issued to them, it seemed a favorable opportunity to the Commander to have a law passed permitting the state authorities to issue the old Springfield rifles now in use, to such of our camps as were desirous of obtaining them. A letter embodying this idea was sent the above named brothers and they are already considering the feasibility of introducing a bill covering the points suggested. There is some question regarding the ownership of the rifles which were issued by the general government a few years since in exchange for the Remington then in use. If a bill is introduced, its number will be sent to each camp and the members of the entire Division are to do their utmost to have their members of assembly and state senators favor the bill and procure its speedy passage.

X. As this order is being written, a letter has reached the Commander announcing the death of Past Senior Vice Division Commander H. C. H. Cooper, which occurred at Indianapolis, Jan. 26th. A brother has gone from us whom we all loved and admired, and one who will be sorely missed, not only by his camp, but by the entire Division. It is ordered that camp altars and charters be draped in black for a period of thirty days after the receipt of this order, in token of respect for our departed brother.

By command of
E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

Official:

W. L. ALLEN,
Adjutant.

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY, Feb. 17

DIVISION ORDER No. 2, Series of 1899.

I. Bill No. 730 has been introduced into Assembly by Bro. F. A. Ware, authorizing the Adjutant-General to issue to regularly organized camps of our order military arms and accoutrements.

It is desirable that proper influence be brought to bear upon members of assembly and state senators to procure their support of the bill and to cause its speedy passage.

All camps are ordered to pass appropriate resolutions and forward them to their local members and senators and it is also desirable that committees from each camp personally visit their representatives and ask for their support for this measure. The commander desires the names of all members and senators who will agree to support the bill.

Don't mistake the number of the bill. It is "Assembly Bill No. 730," introduced by Mr. Ware.

The utmost haste is necessary if we are to accomplish anything as there will be a hearing upon the measure and a report by the Assembly Committee upon Military Affairs within a very few days.

By command of

Official:

W. L. ALLEN,

Adjutant.

E. W. ESTES,

Division Commander.

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY, Mar. 15.

DIVISION ORDER, No. 3, Series of 1899.

I. George Gabler camp, No. 36, was partially mustered at Philadelphia, Jefferson county, by the Division commander upon Feb 22. The charter application contained more than the required number of names, but as the night selected for the muster was also the night for a blizzard the attendance of recruits was small. Major Henry Richmond camp, No. 11, was duly mustered Feb. 28th at Churchville, N. Y., by Commander I. H. Chatfield, of Rochester, assisted by Quinby camp, No. 13. Charter members mustered, 19. Officers are Jas. L Sackett, captain; F. H. Stripp, first lieutenant; F. A. Gwynne, second lieutenant. Meets Tuesdays, Town Hall.

II. The following appointments of staff officers are announced:

Adjutant, C. H. E. Moran, vice, W. L. Allen, resigned.

Inspector, M. J. Downing, 132 East 29th St., New York, vice, C. H. E. Moran, resigned.

III. New rituals have been issued to all camps which have forwarded their old ones. The use of old rituals is prohibited hereafter, and camps which have not sent in old rituals will do so at once.

IV. A roster will be issued April 1st of all camps in good standing. It is necessary that all installing officers' reports be sent in prior to that date in order to have it complete.

V. The Division council has selected June 27th and 28th as the dates for the Division Encampment at Utica. The indications point to a very large encampment and members should commence now to arrange for attending it.

The following committee on transportation is hereby appointed to obtain rates from the railroads of the state.

C. H. E. Moran, chairman, Geo. E. Johnson, M. J. Downing, S. M. Bower, W. C. Gray.

VI. The resignation of A. J. Clark, as captain of Winchel camp, No. 43, has been accepted. Geo. W. Jones, 42 Kirkland street, has been elected his successor. The resignation of Capt. Clark was caused by his removal to Auburn and was accepted with much regret.

VII. Blanks for reports for quarter ending March 31st are herewith enclosed and the usual prompt return with per capita tax is expected.

VIII. A blank form recently received from the Adjutant General relating to the services of our members in U. S. army and navy during the late war is herewith enclosed. ALL captains will fill out these blanks and forward with quarterly reports.

IX. A few camps have failed to forward reports to the Division Surgeon. This must be done at once and if the blank has been lost, requisition for new ones should be made.

X. The charter of Levi P. Morton camp, No. 11, Andes, N. Y., was duly revoked. February 17th, 1899.

XI. The following camps, having forwarded the required reports and tax and, are hereby reinstated: 33, 54, 84, 106, 229, 230, 230.

The following camps are hereby suspended for failure to forward reports and tax for quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1898: 70, 122.

XII. Wm. Cadwell camp, No. 54, has moved its headquarters from Central Square to Coughdenoy.

XIII. Assembly Bill 730 relative to supplying arms to our order by the state authorities has passed the lower house and is now pending in the senate. Camps and individual members should bring all possible influence to bear upon the senators to insure its speedy passage. While the provisions of this bill are not all that they should be, it is a step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that it will become a law.

XIV. John P. Jenkins camp, No. 79, White Plains, and Strong camp, No. 69, Brooklyn, have surrendered their charters and transfers have been issued to all members in good standing.

XV. The reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1898, are appended to this order. In view of the wholesale suspensions in a number of camps mentioned in Division order No. 1 the net loss of only five members in the division is satisfactory, as showing that a portion of our membership is actively engaged in adding to our strength instead of detracting. The reports for the present quarter are nearly due and it is to be hoped that ALL camps will make good reports instead of a few. The commander has visited nearly twenty camps during the quarter and all of them will make a good gain. Will not all do likewise? New York has long been third place in the order. This division is now within striking distance of second place, as barely 200 members are between us and that position. Shall we not gain in this quarter? Will not each member make this a personal matter and endeavor to add at least one recruit to his camp before March 31st.

Dispensation is hereby given to all camps to propose, elect and muster recruits at any meeting prior to April 1st.

Official:

C. H. E. MORAN,
Adjutant.

By command of
E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

ADJUTANT'S QUARTERLY REPORT

TO GEN. FRANK L. SHEPARD, Commander-in-Chief:

Sir:—I have the honor to present to you my report for the quarter ending December 31st, 1898.

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS

Gains	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report.....	106	3,523
Gained by organization and muster in.....	3	191
Gained by transfer.....		2
Gained by reinstatement.....	5	134
Aggregate	114	3,850

Loss	Camps	Members	
By death.....	.....	7	
By honorable discharge .....	.....	14	
By transfer .....	.....	12	
By suspension	2	302	
Total loss		2	332
Number in good standing		112	3,518
Number mustered during this quarter in new camps only.....		3	68
Number remaining in good standing upon which per capita tax is due.....		...	3 450
Number reinstated in good standing upon which per capita tax is due for last quarter.....		...	137

Approved:
E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

I remain yours in F., C. and L.,
WM. L. ALLEN,

DIVISION QUARTERMASTER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK DIVISION }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }

GEO. B. ABBOTT, Adjutant-General:

Sir:—I have the honor to present to you the following financial report of this Division for the quarterly term ending December 31st, 1898.

Amount on hand at date of last report.....	\$80 76
Received since for per capita, charter fees, supplies, and from other sources...	851 09
Total.....	\$931 85

Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter,* 3,417 members in good standing at 4 cents.....	\$136 68
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 137 reinstated or not reporting last quarter.....	5 48
Expended for incidental expenses of the Division and supplies	466 71
Total	\$608 87

Balance on hand at date.....	\$322 98
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*It is expected that the Division Quartermaster will not close his books for this quarter until he has entered the amount of per capita tax reported above.

CONSOLIDATED CAMP REPORT

RECEIPTS

On hand at date of last report according to reports of camps received in this quarter.....	\$7,102 12
Reported to have been received from all sources during the quarter.....	2,807 53
Total.....	\$9,999 65

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid by camps for Division per capita tax this quarter, 3,417 members in good standing at 12½ cents each	\$427 12
Paid by camps, per capita tax on 137 members reinstated	16 12
Paid by camps for relief to members of the order or their families.....	100 72
Paid by camps, incidental expenses.....	3,001 50
Total.....	3,545 46
Balance in hands of camp quartermasters.....	\$6,364 19

RALPH SHELDON,
Division Quartermaster.

DIVISION ROSTER

Commander, E. W. Estes, Tweddle Building, Albany.
Senior Vice Commander, Philip Reece, 219 E. 122d St., New York.
Junior Vice Commander, J. W. Parkhurst, Pulaski.
Adjutant, C. H. E. Moran, Tweddle Building, Albany.

Quartermaster, Ralph Sheldon, Tweddle Building Albany.
 Surgeon, John F. Halpin, 140 North Third street, Brooklyn.
 Chaplain, Charles F. Sherman, Mt. Vernon.
 Inspector, M. J. Downing, 132 E 29th St, New York.
 Mustering Officer, Thomas Gray, 13 Devoe street, Brooklyn.
 Judge Advocate, L. K. R. Laird, Auburn.
 Division Council—J. V. G. Bogert, Waverly; C. A. Schoeneck,
 Syracuse; John L. Cronin, Buffalo,

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY, Apr. 27.

DIVISION ORDER No. 4, Series of 1899.

I. J. J. Hardenburg camp, No. 221, Little Falls, was duly mustered by the division commander April 20th. Charter applicants mustered 41. Officers elected, were Victor Adams, Jr., captain; Edward F. Dasey, first lieutenant; Ward E. Hunt, second lieutenant.

II. Lincoln camp, No. 7, has changed its meeting night to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The place of meeting is at 67 St., Mark's Place, New York city. Sniper camp, No. 166, has changed its meeting night to 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. DeLancey Cole camp, No. 78, changed its meeting night to every Friday. Oliver Tilden camp, No. 26, meets upon the 1st and 3rd Mondays and changed its headquarters to G. A. R. Hall, 3393 Third Ave. Headquarters of Gilsa camp, No. 133, have been changed to Central Opera House, 67 St., east of 3rd Ave.

III. J. Griffith Westbrook, a member of Tappen camp, No. 1, has been duly tried by court-martial and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the Order, said sentence having been approved by the division commander and the Commander-in Chief, this brother is no longer a member of the Order and 1st Sergeants of all camps will enter his name upon the camp black books.

IV. William V. Dwyer of Anderson camp, No. 167, has been appointed an aide on the staff of the division commander, with rank of 1st lieutenant, and he will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

V. The following camps have duly surrendered their charters, although every effort has been made to have them retain their membership in the order: 69, 45, 191.

VI. Accompanying this Order is general order No. 1 of the Commander in Chief. The issuance of this Order has been delayed owing to the first package having gone astray in the mails and a new lot had to be printed for this Division.

VII. Attention is called to blank subscription lists which have been sent to each camp by request of the secretary of the National Monument committee. This organization has been formed for the purpose of erecting a monument to the Martyrs of the battleship Maine. A number of eminent men are upon this committee and the matter should be favorably considered by our Order. Remittances should be made to the Order of George J. Gould, treasurer, National committee, Western Union Building, New York city. Each camp has also received a programme for a proposed patriotic celebration, and it is suggested that each camp hold such an affair in aid of the work of the committee.

VIII. Owing to the decision of the city banks to charge collection on all out of town personal checks, these headquarters cannot accept such. All moneys should be forwarded by New York draft or P. O. order.

IX. June 27—28, the dates for the next encampment are drawing near and each brother should be planning to attend. The committee of the local camp at Utica promise that the encampment will be a most enjoyable one. The following are the names of the officers of the encampment committee: President, W. C. Gray, 201 Howard Ave; vice-president.

G. P. Brainard, 41 Cornelia street; secretary, B. D. Leonard, 383 Whitesboro street; treasurer, George E. Davis, 217 Bleecker street. Camps intending to be present in a body should correspond with one of the above named brothers.

X. Careful attention should be given to the reading of the circular letter of the Division Chaplain. The day of all days for the Sons of Veterans, Memorial Day, is rapidly approaching, and each camp, and each member should see to it that our whole duty is performed on that day. Do not wait for the local Post of the G. A. R. to request your services, but volunteer them. Assist in every way possible. Remember that in many places the ranks of the local Post are thin and the duties devolved upon the Veterans are becoming arduous year by year. Let the day be a sacred one to each member, and let us all by setting a good example prove to our people that we believe in our principles, and that we do our utmost to carry them out. The able advice of the Division Chaplain should be carefully heeded, and the lesson he strives to impart to us should sink deep into our hearts.

By command of

Official:

C. H. E. MORAN,
Adjutant.

E. W. ESTES,
Division commander.

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY, May 23.

DIVISION ORDER No. 5, Series of 1899.

I. Accompanying this order will be found camp chaplain's duplicate report blank. Same will be made out and forwarded to the Division Chaplain in the addressed envelopes, immediately after the exercises participated in by your camp on Memorial Day. Do not wait until the meeting of the camp to make this out. It is imperative that this report be at once forwarded to the Division Chaplain.

II. The best concession obtained by the transportation committee from the traffic association regarding rates to the Division Encampment at Utica, June 27-28, is a full fare and one third rate. This is not on the certificate plan. Regular return tickets will be issued at the ticket office where members purchase their tickets. All members are advised to at once notify the ticket agent at their depot that tickets will be needed just prior to June 27th, so that they will not be delayed in purchasing them. Experience has shown that notice is not always sent to agents of their right to issue round trip tickets at the reduced rate.

III. Camp No. 25, having complied with all the requirements of the C., R. and R., has changed its name from James Macfarlane to Col. Meredith Read. Same has been approved.

IV. Since the issuance of the last Division Order, Edwin Jessop camp No. 191 was mustered at Dundee, Yates county, by Past Division Adjutant S. D. Aulls. The following officers were elected: J. F. Bassett, captain; Otis B. Gannon, first lieutenant; F. B. Jessop, second lieutenant. Number of candidates mustered, 21.

V. Applications for camp charters have been received from Morrisonville and Vermontville, and camps will shortly be mustered at said places.

VI. The resignation of Oscar Black, second lieutenant of camp No. 19, has been accepted and the election of his successor ordered. H. S. Bush has been elected second lieutenant of D. W. Burdick camp No. 40 to fill vacancy.

VII. Arrangements are nearly completed by the members of Winchell camp No. 43, Utica, for the Division Encampment. Division Headquarters will be established at the Butterfield House. The following are

the principal hotels with the rates which will be made to members as announced by Brother B. D. Leonard, secretary of the local committee:

Butterfield House	-	-	-	-	-	\$3 00 per day
Baggs' Hotel	-	-	-	-	2 50 to	3 00 "
Metropolitan Hotel	-	-	-	-	-	2 00 "
Dudley House	-	-	-	-	1 25 to	1 50 "
Mansion House	-	-	-	-	-	1 00 "

VIII. The near approach of the Division Encampment recalls the fact that regular printed credentials are furnished by the order and should be used by all delegates, past captains and alternates. We will furnish from these headquarters, upon receipt of eleven cents, postage prepaid 25 blank credentials, assorted if desired remittances may be made in one or two cent postage stamps. No requisition for supplies will be filled after June 15th. The Division Quarter master's books will close on that date and will not be opened until after the encampment.

IX. Memorial Day with all its sacred memories is near at hand. The Commander reiterates the remarks made in his previous order on this point. He trusts that all Sons of Veterans will by their example perfectly exemplify the lessons our order strives to teach. Let all who note our conduct upon that day be fully convinced that this is a worthy organization, thoroughly imbued with its noble principles and fully competent to enforce them. Let "Dignity," "Discipline" and "Devotion" be our watchword for the day. Be dignified in our conduct; show proper discipline when in the ranks; and so prove our devotion to the dead whose memory we revere, and whose deeds we love to emulate.

By command of
E. W. ESTES,
Division commander.

Official
C. H. E. MORGAN,
Adjutant.

TWEDDLE BUILDING, ALBANY, June 7th,

DIVISION ORDER No. 6, Series of 1899.

I. Since the issuance of the last Division order, camp No. 79 was mustered in at Morrisonville by Commander A. C. Emery of Post 659, G. A. R. Number of applicants mustered, 15. The following officers were elected: Fred Sorrell, captain; Herbert Sorrell, first lieutenant; Albert Bouyea, second lieutenant.

II. The resignation of Captain James J. Connors, of camp No. 134 of Watervliet, and Captain Wm. A. Funk, of camp No. 133, have been accepted and the election of their successors ordered.

III. Blank reports for the quarter ending June 30th, are enclosed herewith to each captain. They can be returned to these headquarters with the per capita tax and will be promptly forwarded to the new headquarters when same are selected in July. The dates for the Division Encampment are so near the end of the quarter that considerable delay would result if these reports were not sent out until after the election, and the incoming commander would find it difficult to get reports back at the proper time.

IV. A new Division Roster is sent herewith. The headquarters staff has done its utmost to insure its correctness, but are unable to make this roster as complete as was desired. Additional rosters are 10 cents each.

V. All arrangements have been completed for the Encampment. Remember the dates are June 27th and 28th. The place is Utica. The railroad rates are fare and one-third and round trip tickets are to be purchased.

VI. The Division commander expects to leave Albany at 11:13 a. m., Monday, June 26th. The Division council will meet at the Butterfield House as early as possible on that day.

VII. Searing camp, No. 51, Mechanicville, has removed its headquarters to Stillwater. Said change of location has been approved, all requirements of our laws having been complied with.

VIII. A limited number of copies only were printed of the proceedings of the Omaha Encampment. The number of copies allowed to this Division is fifty. Copies will be sent to members of this Division while they last, upon receipt of ten cents to pay postage.

IX. The following committee on credentials are hereby appointed to serve during the Encampment:—

Chairman, Adjutant Chas. H. E. Moran,
Edward Harrigan, Rochester.
L. H. Wells, Gloversville.
Joseph R. Swain, Sing Sing.
Clarence W. Davidson, Cooperstown.

The committee will convene at the Encampment hall, Tuesday morning, June 27th, at 9 o'clock to receive credentials. The Encampment will be called to order at 9:30 a. m. and will at once proceed to transact business. To facilitate the work of the committee, the Division Adjutant will be prepared to receive credentials Monday afternoon, June 26th, at room No. 5, Butterfield House.

X. Frederick Townsend camp, No. 1 Albany, being more than four quarters in arrears for per capita tax, and having been duly notified of same, charter of said camp is hereby revoked.

XI. This will be the last order issued by the present administration. Your Commander desires to thank those who have done their duty during the year. He appreciates the courtesy which has been uniformly shown him at all times. For any mistakes that have been made he is sorry; they have been of the head and not of the heart, and he bids farewell to the entire Division, as its Commander, with a warm regard for each and every member.

By command of
E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

Official:

C. H. E. Moran,
Adjutant.

DEPARTMENT OF DIVISION CHAPLAIN }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., April 24th, 1899.

Brothers:—The annual change of seasons has once more brought us near to that sacred day; sacred to us because dedicated to the honoring of the dead and living who made one undivided nation possible, and it becomes our duty to do all we can to give the true significance to the day.

Memorial Day was not established as a holiday, but rather as a day when men should forsake the ordinary pursuits of life and calmly contemplate the awful sacrifices made, and do all within their power to adequately express their appreciation and sympathy of the struggle from '61 to '65.

My brothers, the duty is ours not only to teach true patriotism, but to honor our noble soldiers and sailors—our country's heroes—and we can only do it by proving faithful to the principles of our order and setting a high and lofty example, that all who observe us may be convinced that we delight to make sacrifices to properly do honor to all that pertains to the preservation of our Union. It is to be regretted that the tendency of the century is to make Memorial day one of sport and frolic rather than one for thinking of serious things, and on us, the sons of veterans, with the old veterans themselves as sponsors for the movement, lies the responsibility of observing the day in a proper manner.

No more beautiful custom exists in our order than that of attending divine service in a body the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. Your Chap-

lain earnestly urges you to continue this observance, if possible both morning and evening service, as by these means you will have a nobler and higher preparation for observing the 30th of May. Let nothing intervene to prevent your attending this Sunday service and with the whole camp in line, every officer and member present, your heart will beat a little quicker, your thoughts will be a little nobler and you will feel more like making any sacrifice for the honor of your country. It is hoped no member of the Sons of Veterans will lightly consider this matter, but lay aside all ordinary duties and with their camp listen to the words of admonition from one of God's servants.

The common term for the 30th of May is "Decoration Day," so called on account of the beautiful custom of strewing flowers, God's emblem of purity, on the graves of our departed heroes. As the years roll on the ranks of the living soldiers grow thinner while the number in the New Jerusalem grows larger. We mourn for every soldier and sailor who has departed this life and trust no one will cease in their endeavors to show a proper mark of respect for the dead. The custom of placing flowers on the graves of dead soldiers is a beautiful one and it is sufficient for us to follow so noble and worthy an example.

There is no grave of a soldier or sailor that is not deserving of this mark of respect, and brothers, see to it, that no grave goes undecorated. Join with the living comrades and be to them a stout staff that may lead on without danger of falling. Encourage the weak and laggard by your manly efforts to give true observance, and "be not weary in well doing, for in due season if ye faint not ye shall obtain your reward."

May no brother so far forget the purposes of the day as to neglect any of the ceremonials and may no brother be unwilling to devote at least one day of the 365 in the year to honoring the beloved of our land.

Since a similar address was issued to you our nation has passed through crisis, and stands a little higher and a little grander in the world's history because it took the hand of the oppressed and helped them to stand on the high ground of independence. Whether the Isles of the Sea shall be bound to us by political bands, they are already bound to us by blood bought ties and the great God above has looked on the work approvingly and guided us as a Nation. Let us bear this in mind when we meet to honor the Nation's dead. But at no slight cost had this help been given; indeed if but one patriot had given his life the cost would have been dear but hundreds of brave lives have gone to an early grave, and inasmuch as they bared their breast to the bullets of the foe or offered their bodies as a sacrifice to the demon sickness, the duty is ours to see that they are not forgotten. Nearly every community has its loss and some are to-day sleeping the sleep that knows no awakening, who last year took part in the service of decorating the graves. See to it my brothers that all respect is given to their resting place as thus only can we be doing our whole duty.

God grant that peace may ever be with us hereafter and that we may go on each year with a higher conception of our duties and may every member make "duty" his watchword for evermore.

Approved:

C. F. SHERMAN, Division Chaplain.

E. W. ESTES, Commander.

ALBANY, N. Y. 21.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1, SERIES OF 1898.

I. Article V. section I, C. R. & R. "There shall be a thorough and complete inspection of each camp of the order during the months of October and November in each year." Any camp failing to be inspected shall be debarred from representation in the division encampment next succeeding said inspection.

II. In accordance with the above, the following are hereby appointed Assistant inspectors and this shall be their authority;

Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Reece, New York, to inspect camps No. 87, Glen Cove; No. 93, New Rochelle; No. 173, Pachogue.

Major J. W. Parkhurst, Pulaski, to inspect camps No. 53, Adams; No. 94, Mexico.

Major John F. Halpin, Division Surgeon, Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 102, New York.

Captain Charles F. Sherman, Division Chaplain, Mount Vernon, to inspect camp 74, Brooklyn.

Lieutenant Thomas Gray, Division Mustering Officer, Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 103, New York.

Lieutenant L. K. R. Laird, Judge Advocate, Auburn, to inspect camps No. 52 Syracuse; No. 56, Union Springs; No. 92, Moravia.

Capt. C. A. Schoeneck, Division Council, Syracuse, to inspect camps No. 60, Rochester; No. 84 Cazenovia.

Capt. J. L. Cronin, Division Council, Buffalo, to inspect camps No. 24, Dunkirk; No. 230, Tonawanda.

Capt. J. V. G. Bogart, Division Council, Waverly, to inspect camps No. 77, Elmira; No. 229, Lockwood.

Past Colonel M. J. Downing, New York, to inspect camp No. 28, Brooklyn.

Past Colonel George Addington, Albany, to inspect camp No. 134, Watervliet.

Past Colonel William H. Wyker, Goshen, to inspect camps No. 15, Port Jervis; No. 106, Newburgh.

Past Colonel Clarence E. Holmes, Mount Vernon, to inspect camp No. 79, White Plains.

Past Colonel J. M. Diven, Elmira, to inspect camps No. 62, Bath; No. 76, Horseheads.

Capt. George E. Johnson, North Tarrytown, to inspect camps No. 64, Mount Vernon; No. 140 New York.

Capt. D. J. Cosgro, Cohoes, to inspect camps No. 25, Albany.

Capt. J. W. Walker, New York, to inspect camps No. 8, Poughkeepsie; No. 135, Brooklyn.

Capt. William Wylie, Port Jervis, to inspect camp No. 205, Fallsburgh.

Capt. Colburt A. Bennett, Gouverneur, to inspect camp No. 45, Fine.

Capt. William H. Riley, Albany, to inspect camp No. 51, Mechanicville.

Capt. C. W. Davidson, Cooperstown, to inspect camps No. 66, Oneonta; No. 97, Afton.

Capt. S. M. Bowers, New York, to inspect camp No. 20, Brooklyn.

Capt. J. L. Race, Auburn, to inspect camps No. 59, Waterloo; No. 199, Seneca Falls.

Capt. A. J. Clark, Utica, to inspect camps No. 9, Gloversville; No. 117 Vernon Centre; No. 31, New York Mills.

Capt. G. L. Tucker, Jr., Belmont, to inspect camp No. 68, Bolivar.

Capt. Edward Gallagher, Rochester, to inspect camps No. 85, Buffalo; No. 147, Honeoye Falls.

Capt. L. J. Dambman, New York, to inspect camps No. 19, Brooklyn; No. 115, Brooklyn.

Capt. Henry Hohenstein, Port Richmond, to inspect camp No. 101, Brooklyn.

Capt. E. E. Vanderwalker, Evans Mills, to inspect camp No. 192, Dexter.

Capt. George B. Archer, Adams, to inspect camp No. 70, Evans Mills.

Capt. Warren Kingsland, Haverstraw, to inspect camp No. 47, Slootsburg.

Capt. W. E. Gray, Apalachin, to inspect camp No. 164, Owego.

Capt. J. F. Murphy, Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 7, New York.

Capt. Edward S. Finley, Fine, to inspect camp No. 142, DeGrasse.

Capt. William K. Fowler, Dansville, to inspect camp No. 50, Dalton.

Capt. James Conners, Watervliet, to inspect camp No. 4, Cohoes.

Capt. Robert F. Schmidt, Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 171, New York.

Capt. O. B. Satterly, Pachogue, to inspect camp No. 10 Riverhead.

Capt. H. J. Frame, Clayton, to inspect camps No. 16, Gouverneur; No. 38, Redwood.

Capt. H. E. Gregory, Waverly, to inspect camp No. 89, Apalachin.

- Capt. F. F. Woodruff, Moriah Centre, to inspect camp No. 44, Elizabethtown.
 Past Captain W. G. Thorpe, Newburgh, to inspect camp No. 1, Tappen.
 Past Captain R. Brinsmade Bontecou, Troy, to inspect camp No. 1 Townsend.
 Past Captain Isaac Smith, Peekskill, to inspect camp No. 2, Yonkers.
 Past Captain C. L. Demorest, Waverly, to inspect camp No. 3, Richford.
 Past Captain C. A. Loneragan, Port Byron, to inspect camp No. 6, Rochester.
 Past Captain George E. Race, Auburn, to inspect camp No. 12, Phelps.
 Past Captain Adam C. Listman, Syracuse, to inspect camps No. 13, Rochester
 No. 105, Pulaski.
 Past Captain W. P. Stillwell, Port Byron, to inspect camp No. 14, Newark.
 Past Captain John Clark, Auburn, to inspect camp No. 17, Port Byron.
 Past Captain Howell E. Near, Syracuse, to inspect camp No. 21, Fulton.
 Past Captain Joy S. Rosa, Kingston, to inspect camp No. 22, Rhinebeck.
 Past Captain N. P. Fredericks, Rochester, to inspect camp No. 18, Batavia.
 Past Captain Peter Brown, Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 33, Jamaica, L. I.
 Past Captain H. H. Parker, Gloversville, to inspect camp No. 34, Fort Plain.
 Past Captain R. J. LaLone, Tupper Lake, to inspect camp No. 39, Brushton.
 Past Captain L. M. Alexander, Cortland, to inspect camp No. 40, Ithaca.
 Past Captain Benjamin Teufel, New York, to inspect camp No. 41, Dobbs' Ferry
 No. 69, Brooklyn.
 Past Captain L. L. Brown, Cuba, to inspect camp No. 46, Belmont.
 Past Captain J. F. Durston, Syracuse, to inspect camp No. 48, Cortland.
 Past Captain W. R. Terhume, Goshen, to inspect camp No. 55, Warwick.
 Past Captain Charles H. Rafferty, Olean, to inspect camp No. 61, Cuba.
 Past Captain William R. Mudford, Syracuse, to inspect camp No. 71, Baldwinsville.
 Past Captain Albert Seivers, Yonkers, to inspect camps No. 78, Peekskill; N
 168, Brooklyn.
 Past Captain S. B. McLucky, Cohoes, to inspect camp No. 86, Troy.
 Past Captain George L. Hammond, Dansville, to inspect camp No. 98, Nor
 Cohocton.
 Past Captain Isaac Tuttle, Peekskill, to inspect camp No. 104 Sing Sing.
 Past Captain Howard S. Lane, Riverhead, to inspect camp No. 107, Outhold.
 Past Captain Gus'av Zimmerman, Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 133, New York.
 Past Captain Robert Attridge, Rochester, to inspect camp No. 136, Dansville.
 Past Captain John C. G. Rennert, Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 167, New York.
 Past Captain A. J. Foster, Dexter, to inspect camp No. 170, Cape Vincent.
 Past Captain D. J. Shean, Port Byron, to inspect camp No. 180, Red Creek.
 Past Captain W. A. Personius, Waverly, to inspect camp No. 193, Halsey Valley.
 Past Captain J. C. Buck, Fulton, to inspect camp No. 207, Phoenix.
 Past Captain Henry Mente, Sr., Ithaca, to inspect camp No. 122, Ovid.
 Past Captain W. G. French, Ithaca, to inspect camp No. 100, Trumansburg.
 Lieutenant Harry A. P. Little, Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 26, New York.
 Lieutenant Howard L. Braman, Waterford, to inspect camp No. 42, Lansing
 burgh.
 Lieutenant Martin Short, J., Brooklyn, to inspect camp No. 63, Port Richmond.
 Lieutenant Benjamin W. Loring, Jr., Owego, to inspect camp No. 88, Waverly.
 Lieutenant James A. McNary, Watervliet, to inspect camp No. 91, Rensselaer.
 Lieutenant Harmon N. Smith, Mechanicville, to inspect camps No. 49, Ballston
 No. 72, Sandy Hill.
 Lieutenant A. L. Call, Gouverneur, to inspect camp No. 133, Antwerp.
 Lieutenant J. Arthur Haight, Peekskill, to inspect camp No. 120, Goshen.
 Lieutenant Ray W. Merrill, Carthage, to inspect camp No. 23, Harrisville.
 Lieutenant Charles H. Pease, Sandy Hill, to inspect camp No. 95, Moriah Centre.
 1st Sergeant Wells R. Smith, Horseheads, to inspect camp No. 67, Watkins; N
 75, Erin.
 1st Sergeant F. R. Gardner, Cape Vincent, to inspect camp No. 220, Clayton.
 1st Sergeant George Harrington, Troy, to inspect camp No. 225, Grenville.
 Frank O. Pierson, Sing Sing, to inspect camp No. 80, Ha verstraw.
 The Division Inspector will inspect camps Nos. 27, 35, 43, 121, 166.

III. Unusual care has been taken in the selection of Assistant Inspectors and due regard has been shown for the best interests of our order in the appointments.

IV. Assistant Inspectors while in the performance of the official duties of this office will invariably wear the uniform and insignia of the order.

V. Assistant Inspectors who are required to be absent from any regular meeting of their camp while in the performance of the official duties of his office will be recorded as present.

VI. Assistant Inspectors will within twenty-four hours after completion of each camp inspection forward his report to the Division Inspector.

VII. Communications requiring the immediate attention of the Division Inspector should be addressed to room No. 1, Western Union Building, Albany. Reports and other matter should be addressed to P. O. box 332, Albany.

VIII. No provision has been made for the inspection of camps suspended. But immediately upon receipt at Division Headquarters of all reports due them, Assistant Inspectors will be assigned for the inspection of such camps.

CHAS. H. E. MORAN,
Division Inspector.

Approved,

E. W. ESTES,
Division Commander.

By the Commander—Next in order is the report of the Division Quartermaster.

The Division Quartermaster's Report.

TO COLONEL E. W. ESTES, Commanding N. Y. Division S. V. U. S. A.

I shall vary from my predecessors in submitting my report and ask leave to offer a few suggestions. An order with so high an aim as our own should conduct its business in a more business like manner. There is no regular system of bookkeeping. The one presently employed and used for years past is in my mind deficient, in that, if the Quartermaster was so disposed he could appropriate the moneys for his own use and no way of discerning it. In my wisdom the commandery in-chief should inaugurate a complete system of bookkeeping which can be applied to all the Divisions. A great deal of unnecessary work is imposed upon the Quartermaster in the sale of supplies and also making him liable to censure, as no record is kept of supplies bought or sold. If called upon the Quartermaster should be able to tell at a moments notice the amount of stock on hand. Under the present system it would take him a half day to ascertain the amount.

We do not report as large a balance as in some former years, due to the fact that more money has been expended in organizing, and in other ways, than usual, and further more, all debts are paid up to the opening of this Encampment, which, in my mind, is the proper method to pursue. This was not the manner of procedure last year. The balance reported on hand a year ago was \$364.46; when I assumed the duties of Quartermaster the amount proved to be \$137.27, in that bills to the amount of \$89.77, exclusive of Encampment expenses, and which should have been paid before the opening of the Encampment, had to be met then. This is not business and our order can not succeed unless run on business principles. A useless amount of money is expended each year for proceedings. We have on hand nearly 200 of the Peekskill Encampment. This year we received from the sale of proceedings \$3.35; last year \$7.00, hardly enough

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to pay cost of expressage and storage. It entails a great amount of labor and lots of room to store them, more than most headquarters have to spare.

Some of the furniture at headquarters is such that it should be given away or destroyed, as it is a disgrace. About three sets of pigeon holes of small size, that can be easily moved, should be made to accommodate the increasing demand. I suggest that the incoming administration be empowered to purchase such.

All requisitions for supplies have been filed on day of receipt of same, if articles were in stock, and, in so far as I could, the work has been performed in a businesslike manner.

The following are the receipts and disbursements for the year ending June 27th, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 25th, 1898.....	\$ 364 46
From sale of supplies.....	443 43
From sale of proceedings.....	3 35
From charter fees.....	240 00
From per capita tax.....	1786 48
From commissions.....	85 50
From miscellaneous.....	47 16
Total	\$2970 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

For supplies.....	\$ 440 49
For postage and express.....	254 11
For office expense and clerk.....	257 62
For rent.....	80 00
For charter fees.....	26 00
For per capita tax.....	572 16
For stationery and printing.....	169 56
For proceedings and roster.....	156 25
For fifteenth annual encampment.....	153 46
For organizing.....	160 24
For Commander's and delegate's expenses to National Encampment.....	134 58
Miscellaneous.....	216 00
Total	\$2620 56

TOTAL ASSETS.

Cash balance on hand June 27, 1899.....	\$ 327 71
Regular supplies.....	73 62
Proceedings and rosters.....	222 95
Office furniture.....	172 55
Total.....	\$ 796 83

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I. That our delegates to the commandery-in chief be instructed to further a resolution which will bring about a more complete system of bookkeeping, that can be applied to all Divisions.

II. That 300 Proceedings of the Encampment be printed instead of 500 as is customary. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F., C. & L.,
RALPH SHELDON, M. D.,
Quartermaster.

By the Commander—Next in order is the report of the Inspector.

The Division Inspector's Report.

E. W. Estes commander of New York Division S. V. U. S. A.:

I have the honor in obedience with the constitution rules and regulations to submit my report as inspector for the past year. It is a matter

of pride to be able to make so complete a report at this time of the affairs of our division, which I am able to do through the faithful performance of the duties assigned to my assistants, who were mostly old and tried members of the order.

The number of members in good standing June 30, 1898, were 3291. The number of camps in the division was 102. 96 being in good standing, of this number 92 were inspected or 95 and five-six per cent. of the camps in good standing. My effort to give to this Division a conscientious impartial and inexpensive inspection has been fully carried out and I am pleased to report that the expense element has almost been cut in two over that of last year. The highest cost last year was \$16.00. This year \$5.00; the next highest cost being last year \$15.00; this year \$4.25. The entire cost last year for inspection was \$226 and thirty four one hundredths. This year it was but \$118.45, while the previous shows a cost of \$168.48.

The ratings of camps and their classifications follow:

FIRST CLASS CAMPS 71 OR 74 PER CENT.

CAMPS NO.	CREDITS	CAMPS NO.	CREDITS
63.....	100	1 Tap., 35.....	88
7, 25, 77, 78, 164, 199.....	99	71, 50.....	86
8, 60.....	98	9, 225.....	85
74, 133, 134, 168.....	97	2, 4, 24.....	84
34, 40, 53, 64, 135.....	96	18, 38.....	83
20, 26, 27, 42, 166, 192.....	95	10, 100.....	82
6, 16, 72.....	94	17, 45, 220.....	80
19, 21, 41.....	93	101, 120.....	79
61, 105.....	92	87, 102, 142.....	78
52, 88.....	91	84, 193.....	77
171.....	90	97, 104, 180, 230.....	76
28, 40, 48, 103, 167.....	89	31, 170.....	75

SECOND CLASS, 20 CAMPS, or 21 PER CENT

CAMPS NO.	CREDITS	CAMPS NO.	CREDITS
44, 106.....	73	147.....	65
23, 62, 173.....	72	51, 76, 89.....	64
85.....	71	75.....	63
91, 98.....	69	86.....	60
69.....	68	13.....	57
14.....	67	3.....	54
12, 39, 94.....	66	79.....	52

THIRD CLASS, 1 CAMP OR 1 PER CENT

Camp No. 140, 49 credits

The most remarkable feature of this inspection is the large number of members in good standing in the camps reported inspected, while it is true we show 18 more members in camps reported inspected than were reported June 30th. This is due to the reinstatement of several suspended camps. It also goes to show that the membership is very small in the camps not inspected, and we can say, and proudly too, that the entire membership has been inspected.

I desire to extend my sincere thanks to all my associates and assistants for uniform courtesy shown me.

Respectfully Submitted in F., C. and L.,
CHAS. H. E. MORAN,
Division Inspector.

Past Colonel Wyker—I want to say just one single Word. When No. 120 was called and an average of but 81 per cent. given out I noticed several of the members look at me and smile, but I tell you I am proud of that average of 81 per cent. The lowest we have ever received before that was 96 per cent. and the highest 99 per cent., but this year we received an average of but 81 because our Captain and two other of our officers had enlisted early in this last war and were still serving their country.

By the Commander—Next in order is the report of the Division Surgeon.

By the Commander—The Division Surgeon reports present, and asks that his report be read later.

By the Commander—Next in order is the report of the Division Chaplain. We will now listen to his report.

The Division Chaplain's Report.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., June 26, 1896.

Commander E. W. Estes & Brothers of the New York Division, Sons of Veterans:

As our Division Encampment is held within a month after Memorial Day I am unable to present to you a complete report showing all the work that was done by our order on that day, because some chaplains have failed as yet to send their report. To all who reported promptly I am very grateful. At this writing I have received reports from ninety-seven camps out of a total number of 116.

One very striking thing as shown by these reports is that we are not fully alive to the possibilities of our order as with a reported membership of 3289 only 1902 or fifty-eight per cent. took part in Memorial Day exercises and only 1564 or 48 per cent. attended divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. Of the ninety-seven camps reporting only forty-two report having observed Union Defenders Day. Comparing this statement with the consolidated report for last year there is a falling off in the numbers of members observing Memorial Day, number attending Sunday service and of camps observing Lincoln's birthday, though we shall show a larger percentage of camps reporting. About 25 per cent. of the camps report having used the burial service though "B" much more frequently than "A." I expect to consolidate these reports and send to Chaplain-in-Chief Morris within a few days.

As Sons of Veterans we have a distinct and peculiar object, viz. that of teaching proper respect for Memorial Day. This day should be sacred to us and we ought not to engage in anything on that day that will detract from its observance. This is not mere theory; already many fail to rightly consider this day but we must not be discouraged. As the brave Lawrence said "Don't give up the ship," so will we say "Don't forget the principles of our Order" and though we are but few as compared with all the people,

still as a little leaven, we may be sufficient to introduce and make permanent the principle of giving due respect to this day.

One circular letter was issued from this department calling attention to May 30th. While I have not visited many camps, yet I have tried to do my duty as a Son of a Veteran and Chaplain of this Division and have always been ready to do anything for the advancement of the interests of the order.

Respectfully submitted, In F. C. & L.
C. F. SHERMAN,
Division Chaplain.

By the Commander—Next in order is the report of the Judge Advocate.

Judge Advocate L. K. R. Laird—I have no report to make, but I wish to say just one word, and that is, if in any organization of any account there is an office as foolish and as useless as that of Judge Advocate I do not know what it is. I have endeavored to properly fill the office of Judge Advocate, and I must say I have not done one thing excepting to correct the spelling, grammar and penmanship of two sets of by-laws which were sent to me for my inspection. I must say that I have endeavored to do my duty as it has been presented to me by the Commander, and everything that he told me to do I tried to do it.

By the Commander—There are no further reports.

E. C. Parkinson—I move that we have a recess until 2 o'clock.

L. K. R. Laird—I amend the motion to 1:30 o'clock.

By the Commander—There is other work to be done at this time by the Encampment.

A Brother—I would suggest that the roll be called of Camps that have any communications to render.

By the Commander—The Adjutant will call the roll of Camps.

The Adjutant proceeds to roll call.

George Addington—At the request of a number of prominent gentlemen in the city of Albany, I desire and am pleased to present the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The membership of the Sons of Veterans is made up in large part of workingmen, and especially of members of trades unions, and the Sons of Veterans recognize that these trade organizations are powerful factors in securing better wages and conditions of employment, thereby making membership in fraternal organizations possible to the wage earner, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That as a recognition of this sentiment the Sons of Veterans of New York State hereby direct that upon all printing of whatever nature done for the said Sons of Veterans shall appear the union label of the International Typographical Union.

Past Colonel Holmes—I believe this ought to go before the proper committee and be considered.

By the Commander—If there is no objection the resolution can be considered.

Frank K. Maples—Will a motion to have this considered at this time be in order?

By the Commander—Provided there is a three-quarter vote of the Encampment.

J. L. Burnet, No. 5—I rise to a question of information. When is the proper time, under the rules, for the presentation of individual resolutions?

By the Commander—The next order of business. We will call for individual resolutions at the next session, but in the meantime any brother who has resolutions to submit, can give them to the Committee on resolutions.

Chas. Hagen, No. 52—I move that we suspend the rule and consider this resolution.

Brother Owen, No. 25—I second the motion.

Result of vote: 84 for; 15 against.

By the Commander—The motion is carried. The resolution of Past Colonel Addington is now before you and will be read by the Adjutant.

Resolution read.

E. C. Parkinson, No. 60—I move the adoption of the resolution as read.

Bro. Riley, No. 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

E. C. Parkinson, No. 60—I call for the question on recess.

By the Commander—Before putting the motion I want to make a few remarks. This is my eighth Encampment, and I have noticed during the past eight years a marked improvement in the conduct of our delegates in the places where our Encampments were held. I desire that this Encampment shall mark the highest point up to date in record made, and I trust that every

member of the order present will conduct himself in such a way that not a single citizen of Utica will have occasion to find fault with any individual member here.

It has been regularly moved and seconded that we adjourn to 2 o'clock.

Motion put and carried.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Encampment called to order at 2 o'clock. Commander Estes in the chair.

By the Commander—It is rutable that the minutes of the previous session be read.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—I move you that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Surgeon John F. Halpin—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—In accordance with custom I would appoint as a committee to convey the greetings of this Encampment to the New York Division of L. A. S. Bro. Bontecou, 86—Bro. Hollister, 64 and Bro. Hepworth No. 31.

By the Commander—Officer of the Day. Will you send a messenger for Bro. Gallagher, chairman of the acting Division Council. We will now listen to the report of the Division Council.

Division Council's Report.

UTICA, N. Y., June 26, 1899

To Commander E. W. Estes and Members of Sixteenth Annual Encampment:

Having been appointed as members of the Division Council, Pro tem we elected the following officers; Past captain, Edward Gallagher of O'Rorke, camp No. 60, chairman; George A. Burnham, camp No. 14, clerk.

We have examined books, vouchers and records of the Adjutant and the Quartermaster and find them in excellent shape. The books are neat and well kept. The balance on hand at last report was \$364.46, but there should have been paid bills amounting to \$89.77, by the last administration. Balance on hand at the present time, \$324.62.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD GALLAGHER, chairman.

G. A. BURNHAM, clerk.

ALBERT SEVERS, Jr.

By the Commander—This report will be submitted to the committee on officers reports.

Next in order is reports of committees.

Report of Committee on Ritual.

UTICA, N. Y., June 27.

To the Sixteenth Annual Encampment New York Division, S. V., U. S. A.

COMMANDER:—Your committee on Ritual would respectfully report that in view of the fact that the Ritual has been but lately revised and changed to one degree Ritual that no changes be made in the same.

Yours in F. C. and L.

FRANK K. MAPLES, Chairman.

HENRY H. PARKER,

LANSING W. VANVOOST,

JAMES A. MCWARY,

Wm. H. RILEY.

C. T. Sherman, No. 64—I move you that the report of the committee be received and the recommendation adopted.

R. M. Genthner, No. 60—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—New business is now in order. Has any brother anything to propose.

J. L. Burnet No. 5—I have a resolution, the character of which I think will entitle it to consideration at this time, and therefore ask permission to read it, and will then ask for unanimous consent, provided it is necessary, for its adoption.

WHEREAS, The thirtieth day of May has been for years observed in New York and many other states by the Federal survivors of the civil war, as a day sacred to the memory of the brave patriots, who, during that terrible crisis in national affairs, imperilled or forfeited their lives in defense of the flag and for the substantiation of the glorious principles it represents; and

WHEREAS, This annual day of memory, as an institution dedicated to the most hallowed uses, and indelibly associated with sacrifice and suffering and magnanimity, and all those characteristics that are most ideal and uplifting in individual citizenship, has a significance peculiarly its own, and one which teaches the loftiest patriotism and the purest loyalty; and

WHEREAS, Such an occasion should be observed with ceremonies befitting its solemnity, the dignity of its purposes and all its sad traditions; with thoughtful sincerity, study and reflection, with prayer and votive offerings and visitation to cemeteries, instead of with boisterous display, festivities, recreation and mirth-making; and

WHEREAS, It has become the practice at very many places, in rural districts as well as in cities, upon the part of the public at large, to interrupt or intermingle these ceremonious observances with sports and pastimes, customs entirely foreign to the true sentiment of the event, and

which tend to divert attention from its real meaning, the heroic examples it recalls, and the inspiring lessons it suggests, to the detriment of the old as well the young. Therefore, be it—

RESOLVED, That we deeply deplore the inclination evinced in many communities of the state to pervert the proper objects of Memorial Day and divest it of the association which make it precious and ennobling, and view the same with genuine regret;

RESOLVED, That it is the duty of the Sons of Veterans, individually and as an organization, as well as that of all good citizens, to direct attention to these un-American and baneful abuses and their inevitable results to the end that the thirtieth of May shall be sacredly kept, according to the intention of its originators, and in its true spirit so that it shall be and forever remain, not a gala day, but a holy day.

I presume it would be unwise for me to attempt to occupy the time of this Encampment with any remarks upon this subject as it seems to me it should appeal to the hearts and to the minds of every man here present. I beg the indulgence of the Encampment, and move that this resolution be adopted.

Frank P. Connell, No. 21—I second the motion.

Past Col. Wyker—I heartily concur in what has been said on this subject and will not take up any time except to offer in addition to the resolution already offered by the brother—that the Commander next year in his general order issued before Memorial Day publish the resolution at that time in his order.

Seconded by several brothers.

Amendment accepted and motion put and carried.

By the Commander—We will now return to the reports of officers, and listen to the report of the Division Surgeon.

Division Surgeon's Report

TUESDAY, June 24, 1899.

TO COMMANDER E. W. ESTES:—

Number of members mustered (including charter members) 4,577

1	No. members in good standing	-	-	-	-	2345
2	Number of members mustered since last report	-	-	-	-	356
3	Number in state militia	-	-	-	-	38
4	Number in U. S. army	-	-	-	-	47
5	Number in U. S. navy	-	-	-	-	7
6	Number of G. A. R. members	-	-	-	-	70
7	Total number of drilled men	-	-	-	-	918
8	Number of members able to bear arms	-	-	-	-	2087
9	Number of members over 45 years of age	-	-	-	-	105
10	Age of oldest member	-	-	-	-	64

11	Average age of all members	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
12	Number of widowers	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
13	Number of married members	-	-	-	-	-	-	1095
14	Number of unmarried members	-	-	-	-	-	-	1214
15	Number of deaths within one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
16	Number of cases of sickness during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	166
17	Number of injuries during year	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
18	Total weeks disability	{ From sickness						469
		{ From injury						127
19	Number camps paying funeral benefits, 17; average amount, \$180.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20	Number camps paying sick benefits, 13; average amount	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.75
21	Number of camps engaging in regular drill	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
22	Number of members foreign born	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
23	Number of clergymen	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
24	Number of physicians	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
25	Number of dentists	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
26	Number of attorneys	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
27	Number of teachers	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
28	Number of students	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
29	Number of artists and draughtsmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
30	Number of musicians	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
31	Number of merchants	-	-	-	-	-	-	155
32	Number of salesmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	129
33	Number of clerks and bookkeepers	-	-	-	-	-	-	310
34	Number of electricians	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
35	Number of telegraph operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
36	Number of mechanics	-	-	-	-	-	-	409
37	Number of engineers	-	-	-	-	-	-	53
38	Number of railroad conductors	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
39	Number of printers	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
40	Number of sailors	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
41	Number of farmers	-	-	-	-	-	-	199
42	Number of miners	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
43	Number of skilled laborers	-	-	-	-	-	-	192
44	Number of laborers	-	-	-	-	-	-	360
45	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	162
46	Number of camps in Division	-	-	-	-	-	-	121
47	Number of camps reporting	-	-	-	-	-	-	64

I have the honor to submit the above as my consolidated report of the New York Division.

Faternally yours in F., C. and L.,

JOHN F. HALPIN,
Division Surgeon.

By the Commander—This report will be submitted to the committee on officers reports. We will now return to reports of committees. Is the committee on resolutions ready to report?

R. B. Bontecou—I beg to announce that the committee of the L. A. S. is at the door. We have just called on the ladies and extended the greetings of this organization, and their committee is now at the door and wishes to extend their greetings.

By the Commander—You will escort the ladies to the room.

R. B. Bontecou—I have the honor to introduce to you the committee from the L. A. S.

By the Commander—Ladies of the committee of the L. A. S., New York Division: It is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend to you the thanks of this Encampment for having favored us with your presence to-day, and I instruct the brothers to escort you to the platform.

By the Commander—My second Encampment was at Clayton, and I believe that I acted as the chairman of the committee of arrangements at that time. I had been at Amsterdam the year before, especially to become acquainted with our order, and to gain some knowledge of it; but did not become acquainted at that time with the ladies who composed the New York Division of the L. A. S. It was organized at Amsterdam, I believe, and the Clayton Encampment was the second Encampment for that Division. I provided, I believe, some entertainment for them at Clayton, but when the arrangements were made for the camp fire and I stepped to the front of the platform and welcomed those who were there, I committed the greatest error of my life because I forgot to mention the ladies. I have tried every means in my power since then to make up for it, and I have learned to appreciate the advantages we have in having an auxiliary body like the L. A. S. I think the ladies now have forgiven me the unintentional slight which I put upon them at Clayton, and I am therefore, safe, I hope, in introducing to you Mrs. Tomer, chairman of this delegation.

Mrs. Tomer—Col. Estes and Brothers of this Encampment: I had hoped that Col. Estes had forgotten the Encampment at Clayton, because I had forgotten all about it myself; but I want to say to Col. Estes that the entertainment he prepared for us was not unappreciated on the part of the ladies, and to-day there is not a Son of a Veteran who has a warmer spot in the hearts of the L. A. S. than Col. Estes. I feel very much pleased to

think that our President appointed me on this committee. I have not had the pleasure of visiting the Sons of Veterans since Middleport. There is one thing I am going to say here which I said at Peekskill to one of the Sons. I said, "My dear brother I feel like a mother to the order of Sons of Veterans," and he said, "You look it." (Laughter and applause.) Now I want it distinctly understood that I come here in a sisterly way, and I feel toward you as a sister, and I come to present the greetings of the New York Division, and assure you we stand ready at all times to be of assistance to the Sons of Veterans.

By the Commander—The relations that have existed between our Division and our sister Division of L. A. S. have always been close, but during the year they seem to have grown closer; in fact, they have grown much closer in a single instance. At Clayton one of the brothers captured one of our fair sisters as his wife. This year one of our sisters did the same, and I take great pleasure in introducing to you the Vice President of this Division, who consented during the winter to become the wife of Captain Hollister, of Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Hollister—Commander and brothers. I had the honor one year ago to be at the Encampment to extend greetings to you, but this year I have the honor of speaking to you as I had not then. We extend our heartiest greetings to you, and we hope during the coming year we may have the same harmonious feeling that we have had in the past. We want you to assist us by organizing Aids. You will find them of great benefit, and perhaps the President and Captain may come together as husband and wife. (Laughter and applause.)

By the Commander—During the year there has been an officier of the L. A. S. who has made an enviable reputation throughout the Division as an officer. She comes from a place that we all know, and that we all have pleasant remembrances of, and I take great pleasure in introducing to this encampment the secretary of L. A. S., Miss Morgan of Waverly.

Miss Morgan—I have a poem that seems quite appropriate to the occasion, and I will read it.

Brothers: once again we greet you.
We stand in consecrated halls
For all is good and pure and holy
O'er which your banner's shadow falls.

A year ago in Peekskill
We pledged you honor, trust and love,
So bind anew the ties made holy
By memories of the ones above.

To-day again we stand beside you
Where gleam out country's colors bright.
To reach here we've climbed up higher
Let's lift all others to our height.

To gentle care we pledge our efforts
Wherever a veteran old may roam,
In Camp or Aid he'll find his children
And in their loving hearts his home.

No more they strive where booms the cannon,
No more the fearful war-clouds mist
Obscures the home they left behind,
The dear home faces sadly kissed.

But time has laid his siege upon them
And one by one, the blue ranks thin,
They fall, the G. A. R., God bless them
As bravely as in war times dim.

But once again we give you greeting,
And lest we be misunderstood,
Announce that we are with you, brothers,
For all that's loyal, grand and good.

By the Commander—There is a spot in this state that I have a loving recollection of. It was once my home. It was the place where just eighteen years ago I joined the order of Sons of Veterans. I love that dear old place

I love it not only for what it has been to me, but I love it because I know it contains the largest percentage of Sons of Veterans in our order of any equal portion in the state, and I take great pleasure in introducing to this Encampment Mrs. Coleman of Rochester.

Mrs. Coleman—Col. Estes and brothers, I am pleased to be here this afternoon and on behalf of L. A. S. No. 23 of O'Rourke Camp of Rochester I bring you greetings.

We are pleased to be here this afternoon and on behalf of L. A. S. No. 23 of O'Rourke Camp of Rochester I bring you greetings. We are pleased to be here in Utica, and on behalf of this committee we thank you all for your kindness. As we have been loyal to you so far, we, of course, expect you to be loyal and true to us.

By the Commander—I have two brothers in mind upon this floor whom I know are especially competent to extend the greetings of this Encampment to these ladies, and I am going to call upon them both. The first one will be Past Col. Oberdorf.

Past Col. Oberdorf—Commander, Ladies of the L. A. S. and Brothers. This is a time of co-education. The air is full of it; it is a subject that is being brought up all over this land. In fact at the home of two of the ladies sitting upon the platform it came prominently to the front a short time ago in Rochester, where women were knocking the door for equal advantages of education with the men. We must have co-education. So with the L. A. S. of the Sons of Veterans we must have assistance from them in our work, because if there is one mission more prominent in our order than another it is the mission of educating the people of the United States up to the grand principles that we stand for; support of this Union and always for the honor of Old Glory. We stand for it, and by our side stand the ladies of the L. A. S., upholding the flag, encouraging the Sons of Veterans, and doing everything in their power to promote the welfare and interests of the Order of Sons of Veterans.

By the Commander—I am now going to call upon a brother for a few remarks who is new in these Encamp-

ments. I had the pleasure of mustering him in the order and I realized his ability on that night. You have had evidence of his ability to-day, and I want the Hon. J. L. Burnet to speak to these ladies.

Hon. J. L. Burnet—While I appreciate the delicate compliment that you pay in your flattering, but unmerited remarks, and while it is true that I did, or attempted to aid somewhat in the passage of the present bill through the Legislature, I am at a loss to understand why I should be selected as the proper one to speak to these ladies, ladies and brothers, because in the country from which I came the gentlemen are always after the ladies.

Ladies of the New York Division L. A. S.—On behalf, and I say this in all sincerity, of the brothers here representing the four thousand and more Sons of Veterans of this state I extend to you cordial greetings and deep thanks for your aid, your interest and the favor of your presence. If it is true that the boy is father to the man, it is equally true that the hand that rocks the cradle directs the destiny of the empire, and I believe that your interest in your work, and your aid to us in our work is one of soothing and inspiring influences that will help direct us and help us to accomplish not only in the present, but in the future, the work which must finally come to us. It is the duty of every one of us to foster in his heart the spirit of patriotism and loyalty. Patriotism is the cement which keeps together the blocks of government power. It has caused empires to totter and fall, and it has destroyed tyranny. It marched with Sherman to the sea, and it was by the side of U. S. Grant at Appomattox, and proclaimed to the whole world, that "a government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

By the Commander—Farewell ladies until another year permits us to have you grace our encampment with your presence.

The committee will escort our visitors from the platform.

We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Report read.

Report Of Committee On Resolutions.

UTICA, N. Y., JUNE 28, 1899.

Your Committee on Resolutions, having passed on the resolutions presented, submit the following as a partial report, to the Sixteenth Annual Encampment:

RESOLUTION NO. I.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst, Major A. P. Davis, and

WHEREAS, The said Major A. P. Davis was the founder of the Order of Sons of Veterans, and, during the continuance of his life proved devoted to its objects and principles and unremitting in his efforts to advance its prestige and interest; be it

RESOLVED, That we, the representatives of the Camps of the New York Division, in Encampment, assembled, at Utica, N. Y., June 27 and 28, 1899, do hereby express our deep sense of loss at his demise and that while we bow our heads in obedience to the Divine command "Thy will be done" yet we feel that his loss is irreparable; be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the proceedings and that copies be sent to the official organs of the Order and to the widow of the deceased.

Frank K. Maples—I move it is adopted as read.

W. H. Riley, No. 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. II.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our divine Commander to remove from our midst our beloved comrade Henry C. H. Cooper, and

WHEREAS, Our departed brother had always displayed a deep interest in the objects and principles of the order of Sons of Veterans and had served faithfully and well in all the positions entrusted to him in his camp and this division, be it

RESOLVED, That we the representatives of the camps of the New York Division of Sons of Veterans in Encampment assembled at Utica, N. Y., June 27th and 28th, 1899, do hereby express our heartfelt regrets at his early departure and pray God to console his family in their hour of affliction; be it further

RESOLVED, That the resolutions be spread upon the proceedings of this Encampment and that copies be sent to the official organs of our order and to the family of the deceased.

Past Col. Oberdorf—I move you sir that as the reports of the various committees are made they be taken up section by section, and if there be no objection to the section as read they stand adopted by this Encampment.

Bro. Owens, No. 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Do I hear any objection to the adoption of the second resolution offered by the committee. Hearing none the resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. III.

WHEREAS, Our brother Fred A. Ware has during the past year introduced in the assembly of the State of New York an act known as Bill No. 730 conducive to the interests of our order and endeavored in all ways possible to insure its successful enactment; be it

RESOLVED, That we the representatives of the camps of the New York Division of Sons of Veterans in Encampment assembled at Utica, N. Y., June 27th, and 28th, 1899 take a vantage of this opportunity to extend to Past Captain Fred A. Ware our deep sense of gratitude for his unselfish labor in our behalf and be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the proceedings of this Encampment and that copies be sent to Past Captain Fred A. Ware and to the official organs of our order.

By the Commander—Hearing no objection the resolution is adopted by the Encampment.

RESOLUTION NO. IV.

We note with commendable pride this continued efforts of the Ladies Aid Society of the Sons of Veterans for the general advancement of our order and the fact is apparent that the camps which have connected with them the influence of a good Ladies Aid Society become the most active in the Division; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That it is the desire of the Encampment that our incoming administration assist the officers of the Ladies Aid Society in the generous work they are doing for the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic.

By the Commander—Hearing no objection the resolution is adopted by the Encampment.

RESOLUTION NO. V.

It is a pleasure to commend any special effort on the part of camps or individuals to promote a better knowledge and interest in the order of Sons of Veterans and this Division being always ready to recognize meritorious zeal. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this encampment extend to the officers and members of Koltes camp No. 171 of New York City assurance of our sincere appreciation of their energy in preparing the very interesting book distributed at this Encampment.

By the Commander—Hearing no objection the resolution is adopted by the Encampment.

RESOLUTION NO. VI.

WHEREAS, The entertainment and hospitality extended to this Sixteenth Annual Encampment during their stay in Utica has been the most liberal. The generous efforts of the entertainment committee from H. H. Winchel camp and for the excellent service rendered by the city press to the committee and the Encampment assembled, should receive special commendation. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Division be extended to all who have in any way assisted in the successful completion of a profitable Encampment.

By the Commander—Hearing no objection the resolution is adopted by the Encampment.

RESOLUTION NO. VII.

WHEREAS, At a convention of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. held at Schenectady on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd days of May 1888, certain strictures were passed on the conduct of Mr. Julius Lehmann formerly Quartermaster and afterward Adjutant of this Division, and

WHEREAS, These criticisms were made without the presence of Mr. Lehmann at the encampment, were not founded on fact, and were not shown by our examination of the records, and

WHEREAS, This division is anxious to do justice in this matter, and right a wrong your committee believe was done to our member, who was always an earnest, honorable and energetic member of our order.

Very respectfully in F., C. and L.,
C. L. DEMOREST, Chairman,
LOUIS J. DAMBMANN, Secretary,
JOHN J. RACZKIEWICZ,
ISAAC N. SMITH,
E. H. MILLER.

By the Commander—Hearing no objection the resolution is adopted by the Encampment.

By the Commander—The brothers of Koltes Camp No. 171 have, after considerable expense and trouble published a very good history of Our Order. This is one of them. It contains the cut of the Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant General, Division Commander and several other brothers, as well as cuts of a number of gentlemen prominent in our country, and the early history of the Order. Koltes Camp proposes to present each Camp in this Division with a copy, and as the roll is called I believe the delegation of each Camp will receive a single copy.

The chairman of the Committee on Credentials will again call the roll of the Encampment, and credit those entitled to seats.

Roll called.

By the Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Officers' reports.

Report of Committee On Officers' Reports.

Your Committee on Officers' Reports, after due and careful consideration of all reports coming before the Encampment begs leave to submit the following:

COMMANDER'S REPORT

The report of the Division Commander gives evidence of unusual attention and devotion to the affairs of the Division. Assuming office as Col. Estes did, under, trying circumstances and following the successful administration of Col. Diven, many exactions were made upon his time and thoughts to harmonize all elements of the Division and successfully carry our membership forward and upward. He has succeeded beyond the expectations of his warmest friends, and the gains recorded by his complete, detailed and carefully prepared report show that unceasing activity, loyalty, ability and devotion have characterized his whole official conduct. Especially gratifying is the increased membership of over four hundred during his term of office. A debt of gratitude is due the retiring Commander, not only for his work, but also his plans for the future. Confidence, esteem and love go with him from this body.

The Division Commander's recommendations have been referred to the committees on Resolutions and Constitution, Rules and Regulations, who will report upon the same.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

The Division Adjutant's report shows that the work of his office has been performed in a systematic and able manner. The amount of labor performed has been very great, and results very gratifying. He deserves all the praise bestowed upon him by Commander Estes.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

The Division Quartermaster's report is one that sets forth clearly the financial condition of the Division, and is a model report in other details. The Committee considers that the entire Division is indebted to Quartermaster Sheldon for his fidelity to the trust assumed and for the able manner in which he performed all the duties of his position. The Committee concurs in recommendation No. 1, in regard to a more complete system of bookkeeping.

We do not concur in Recommendation No. 2, suggesting that 300 instead of 500 copies of the Proceedings be printed, and would recommend that all copies in excess of fifty (50) be distributed gratuitously at the succeeding Encampment of the Division.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Division Inspector's report is very gratifying from the fact that the inspection has been very complete and thorough. We are especially pleased at the low cost at which the inspections were made. It reflects great credit upon the appointments made by the Inspector.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

The Division Chaplain's report, while made under the usual disadvantages, is remarkably complete in the present instance. We trust the members of the Division will read his remarks regarding the proper observance of Memorial Day, and that a larger percentage will take part in future years.

SURGEON'S REPORT.

The Division Surgeon's report gives considerable amount of interesting and valuable information which we believe can be read with profit by all.

COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Division Council's report shows evidence of the correct and proper methods adopted by the Adjutant and Quartermaster. This report

is made by volunteers in the absence of regularly elected members of the Division Council, and they are entitled to the thanks of this Encampment for their labors in this matter.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

C. E. HOLMES.
W. S. OBERDORF,
W. H. WYKER,
L. J. MACY,
J. M. DIVEN.

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Recommendation No. 1 of the Division Quartermaster. The Committee does not concur.

By the Commander—If there is no objection the same will be considered as being adopted by this Encampment. Hearing none, so ordered.

Recommendation No. 2 of Division Quartermaster. The Committee does not concur.

By the Commander—You have heard the report of the committee not concurring in the recommendation of the Quartermaster. Is there any objection to accepting the report of the committee. There being no objection to the report of the committee I declare it adopted.

By the Commander—New business is now in order. Do you desire to select a place for the next Encampment at this time.

There has been a matter suggested to me that in view of the fact that the next National Encampment is to be held at Detroit, a comparatively near city, that we divide a certain amount of money among those who attend as a partial payment of their expenses.

E. C. Parkinson—For the purpose of bringing this matter before the Encampment as we have a little leisure now, I would move that the sum of \$200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated to pay the transportation of those entitled to attend the National Commandery from this Division, proportionate to the expense of transportation incurred by the respective representatives attending the National Commandery.

Brother Owens, No. 25—I second the motion.

E. C. Parkinson—It has been my privilege to attend the National Commandery at Indianapolis two years ago,

and at Omaha last year. I had a unique experience from the Empire State on both those occasions. It was something new to me. I had been at National Encampments of the G. A. R., and I never saw New York represented by so few delegates in proportion to what they were entitled to than there was on those two occasions, and New York I found was practically eliminated from consideration in the making up of the various candidates for office, and we were practically eliminated right along as was shown to-day in the report of the Commander of this Division. It has not always been because those who were entitled to represent this Division were unable to pay their transportation to the National Commandery. I don't know what the causes have been. It is perhaps because we have not been careful enough in the selection of our representatives from this Division to the National Commandery to get those who would be there. Some of our Past Colonels of this Division were not there, and while I shall mention no names I regard it as a neglect of duty on the part of these Past Colonels in failing to represent this Division at the National Commandery. We find persons seeking honors in office in these Encampments from year to year, and having obtained the honor their duties do not cease with their stepping out of the Commander's chair. They should continue right along. I was surprised at the representation we had in the National Commandery. We have not been treating ourselves right. We have lost the prestige that we should have had in our National Commandery, and in the carrying out of the instructions of this Encampment last year in presenting the name of a brother as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief we found it was undesirable to do so because of the fact that we had only seven votes in the Commandery, from the Empire State, of the Sons of Veterans. You are aware by this time that I feel intensely on this subject, and I trust the Encampment will do all that it can. We want representatives that should be at the National Commandery, and while this is not large, and unless the Na-

tional Commandery is very near by it will not go to the full extent of paying the transportation of the delegates that are entitled to be there, and I trust the resolution will be adopted.

Past Col. Macy—Just one word in relation to this. Do I understand this amount will be in addition to the amount already paid to the Commander and Delegate at Large.

By the Commander—It is not.

E. C. Parkinson—This is what I am trying to get at. I do not want the Colonel and the Delegate at Large to be any different from any other representative from this Division to the National Commandery. I want to have them all on the same footing. I would suggest that a copy of this resolution be referred to the committee on by-laws and I therefore move that this be referred to the committee that they may report on this matter. they may report on this matter.

Chas. F. Sherman—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Do you desire to select the place for the next Encampment.

Past Col. Macy—I do not think it was generally understood that this take place to-day, and I move that it be made a special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adam C. Listman—I second the motion. Motion carried.

By the Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Committee on C. R. and R.

Report of Committee on C., R. and R.

To the 16th Annual Encampment S. V. Division of New York, U. S. A. :

Your committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommends the following changes:

That Sec. 2 of Art. 5 be made to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. That the Division Commander shall give a bond furnished by a reliable surety company which shall be approved by the Commander-in Chief."

By the Commander—I must rule this out of order. The C., R. and R. provides for this.

That the following be added to Sec. 3 of Art. 4: "The Commander Adjutant and Quartermaster shall also receive their hotel expenses."

That Art. 4 be amended by adding the following:

"Sec. 7. The fee for the bond of the Commander be paid by the Division, not to exceed fifteen dollars annually."

By the Commander—Is there any objection to the adoption of this section of the committee's report? Hearing none, it is adopted.

That Sec. 4 of Art. 4 be made to read:

"That the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or as much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated to pay the transportation of those entitled to attend the National encampment from this Division, proportionate to the expense of transportation incurred by the respective representatives attending the Commandery-in-Chief."

Amendment to C., R. and R.: Article 2, Section 1 to read thus:

"The membership of the Division Encampment shall be made up as follows: First—Its own elective and appointive officers (except Assistant Inspectors and non commissioned staff) and its sitting camp captains. Second—Representatives elected by ballot by the several camps of the Division, as follows: One representative at large from each camp, and additional representatives in the ratio of one for every fifty members or major fraction thereof in good standing, providing that each camp in the Division, whatever its membership, shall be entitled to at least one representative."

The above resolution not approved by your committee.

A. J. CLARK,
C. H. HEIMSOETH,
J. F. KEMP,
SAM W. BOWER.
Committee.

By the Commander—Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this point. If not, the report is adopted.

Mustering Officer's Report

To Col. E. W. Estes:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to report that during my term of office the following camps have been mustered:

Lieutenant Oliver C. Ayers Camp No. 100, Trumansburg, mustered August 9, 1898, by Henry Mente, Sr. Applicants 16.

Gen. D. B. White Camp No. 32, Carthage, mustered by Colbert A. Bennett, August 30, 1898. Applicants 15.

W. J. Crammon Camp No. 145, Rome, mustered September 30, 1898, by E. W. Estes. Applicants 43.

Wm. H. Adams Camp No. 5, Canandaigua, mustered November 10, 1898, by E. W. Estes. Applicants 28.

Col. O. T. Beard Camp No. 29, Poughkeepsie, mustered December 13, 1898, by Col. E. W. Estes. Applicants 19.

D. C. Sherwood Camp No. 65, Corning, mustered December 21, 1898, by Past Col. J. M. Diven. Applicant's 21.

Peter A. Porter Camp 143, Wilson, mustered January 12, 1899, by J. L. Coronan. Applicants 32.

Armstrong Camp No. 203, Manlius, mustered January 18, 1899, by George B. Rice, of Syracuse. Applicants 22.

Henry Richmond Camp No. 11, Churchville, mustered February 28, 1899, by Commander I. H. Chatfield. Applicants 19.

J. J. Hardenburg Camp No. 221, Little Falls, mustered April 20, 1899, by Col. E. W. Estes. Applicants 41.

Edwin Jessop Camp No. 191, Dundee, mustered May 12, 1899, by S.D. Aulls. Applicants 21.

Charles H. Bentley Camp No. 79, Morrisonville, mustered May 28, 1899, by Commander A. C. Emery. Applicants 18.

Sherman Camp No. 73 Vermontville, mustered June 10, 1899, by Commander Hiram Hathaway. Applicants 15.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS GRAY,

Mustering Officer.

Utica, N. Y., June 29th, 1899.

G. A. Burnham—I would suggest that as we have not a large representation here now we allow the janitor of the hall to put it in shape for this evening. I make a motion we adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Brother Riley, 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 10:05 with Col. Estes in the chair.

Password and countersign taken up by Bro. Burnham, No. 14 on the left and Bro. Boshart No. 29 on the right.

By the Commander—In the absence of the Adjutant, and in order to facilitate business progress of the Encampment, I will read some communications:

Communications Read.

KINGSTON, N. Y., June 26th, 1899.

Col. E. W. Estes, and the Officers and Members of the 16th Annual Encampment of the N. Y. Div. Sons of Veterans. U. S. A.

DEAR BROS: Although I am prevented by the serious illness of my wife from being present with you to-day in person, rest assured that my heart is always with you and the Order. Wishing you all a most pleasant and successful encampment and a most prosperous year for the Order, and hoping to meet you all at some future time, I am

Yours Fraternally in F. C. & L.,

JOY S. ROSA,

Past Div. Chaplain,

Past Chaplin, Tappen No. 1.

SING SING, N. Y., June 28th, 1899.

Col. E. W. Estes, S. O. V. Encampment, Utica, N. Y.

Excuse me this trip. Girl eight and one-half pounds this morning.

JOS. R. SWAIN.

By the Commander—The following telegram was received from Frank L. Shepard, Commander-in-Chief of the Order.

CHICAGO, June 26th. 1898.

Col. E. W. Estes, Butterfield House, Utica, N. Y.

GREETINGS: Best wishes for successful Encampment the coming year.

FRANK L. SHEPARD.

By the Commander—I am requested to say that the history of the Order as prepared by the delegates from Koltes' Camp can be procured from their delegates present at Room 82, New Butterfield, and price as stated yesterday, 25 cents.

By the Commander—The acting Senior Vice will read the report of the Senior Vice Commander.

Senior Vice Commander's Report.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 26th, 1799.

Col. E. W. Estes, Commanding Div. of New York S. V., U. S. A.

When one year ago it was the pleasure of our encampment to elect me to this honorable office, I felt the opportunity had arrived whereby I might make manifest my sincere appreciation of the many favors shown me by you for some years past.

My frequent absence from the city, state in fact, I regret to say has materially interfered with the plans then uppermost, so I have been unable to accomplish anything that might be considered of benefit, though, I am sure, no less than my predecessors.

It is a well known fact that the office of Senior Vice Commander is considered one of honor only, with duties, which every good son of a veteran should perform. That this impression is a correct one, is further strengthened, by the excellently thorough manner in which our esteemed commander has discharged the duties of his office, leaving to none—that which might be accomplished by himself.

Much pleasure have I derived from the office, as it has brought me in contact with many, whom I have learned to dearly regard, and it grieves me, that I am unable to be with you to-day.

Faternally yours,

PHILIP REECE,

S. V. Commander.

Your Committee regret that the S. V. Commander has been unable to find any duties to perform in connection with his office and hope that the incoming S. V. Commander, while finishing pleasure in holding the position may also realize the responsibilities connected therewith and do something for the advancement of the Division.

By the Commander—The report will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Lt. Brainard—On behalf of the local Relief Corps, and Utica Council No. 7 Ladies G. A. R., I present this basket of flowers to this Encampment.

By the Commander—The local Relief Corp and Utica Circle No. 17 Ladies G. A. R., have presented this beautiful basket of flowers to this Encampment with their best wishes for our success, for the upbuilding of our Order, and for the expounding of our principles. I am sure that this token, coming as it does so unexpectedly, and a token which is so unusual in our Encampments, is gratefully appreciated by every member of this Encampment present, and I shall convey, if there are no objections, my acknowledgement of this favor to the ladies.

By the Commander—It is rulable that the minutes of the previous session be read.

Frank K. Maples, No. 20.—I move you sir the reading of the minutes of the previous session be dispensed with.

Seconded by several brothers.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commadder—It is rulable that the roll of the Encampment be called at each succeeding session.

Past Col. Macy—I move the roll call be dispensed with.

L. K. R. Laird—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I congratulate the Encampment upon the renewed health of Inspector, Past Col. M. J. Downing, who favors us with his presence this morning.

By the Commander—If there is no objection the Commander proposes to send this basket of flowers by express to his wife.

Unanimous consent given amid cheers.

Frank K. Maples, No. 20.—I believe the Mustering Officer of this Division has arrived from Brooklyn, and is now in the back of the hall, and it is proper for him to take his station.

By the Commander—The Mustering Officer will please take his station.

The special order for ten o'clock this morning is now in order.

Bro. Whitcomb, No. 18—Commander Estes and gentlemen of this Encampment. As a meeting place for your next Encampment I would suggest the name of a town of 15,000 inhabitants, with broad avenues, good sidewalks and reached by three trunk lines. It is within easy distance of Rochester and Buffalo, and within easy reach of every Son of a Veteran in the State. Every man in the town is a gentleman, and every lady is unsurpassed. We want you to come to Batavia. You will find the place an easy city to enter but a hard one to leave. As a member of Gen. Uptn Camp, No. 18, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting for your consideration as a meeting place for the next Encampment, Batavia. I have a communication that the Board of Aldermen gave me, and with your permission I will read it.

BATAVIA, N. Y. June 26th, 1899.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Batavia, N. Y., held June 21st, 1899, it was on motion of Trustee Everingham,

Resolved, To request the delegate from the Local Camp of S. O. V., of Batavia, to the State Encampment, S. O. V., to use all honorable means in his power to secure the next State Encampment for Batavia.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees at above date written.

GEORGE E. PERRIN, Village Clerk.

The following telegrams have also been received since we left :

BATAVIA, N. Y., June 27th, 1899.

State Encampment S. O. V., care Col Estes, Utica, N. Y. :

We ask your support for our delegates.

REV. J. H. MASON, Pastor Baptist Church
 DEAN T. P. BROUGHAN, Pastor St. Joseph's Church
 REV. P. J. ENRIGHT, Assistant Pastor St. Joseph's Church
 REV. A. F. COLBURN, Pastor M. E. Church
 REV. W. C. BYER, Pastor Bank Street Church
 REV. A. M. SHERMAN, Rector St. James' Church

BATAVIA, N. Y., June 27th, 1899.

State Encampment S. O. V., care Col. Estes, Utica, N. Y. :

Citizens of Batavia unanimously desire to entertain State Encampment next year, come.

S. E. NORTH, County Judge.

BATAVIA, N. Y., June 27th, 1899.

State Encampment, S. O. V., care Col. Estes, Utica, N. Y.

It is the earnest desire of our citizens that State Encampment for 1900 be held in Batavia.

W. D. SANFORD, Mayor.

BATAVIA, N. Y., June 28th, 1899.

State Encampment, S. O. V., care Col. Estes, Utica, N. Y.

You will have good care if you come here.

LEWIS F. MCLEAN, County Treas.

BATAVIA, N. Y., June 28th, 1899.

State Encampment, S. O. V., care Col. Estes, Utica, N. Y.

We present the name of Batavia as a favorable place for next Encampment.

BANK OF BATAVIA,
NAT'L BANK,
BANK OF GENESEE,
FARMERS' BANK.

BATAVIA, N. Y., June 28th, 1899.

State Encampment, S. O. V., care Col. Estes, Utica, N. Y.

Vote to come to Batavia next year.

J. H. HAMILTON, Postmaster.

Bro. Gray, No. 43.—I rise to a point of information. Has this Camp a L. A. S.?

Bro. Whitcomb, No. 18.—It has.

Bro. Lidden, No. 13.—I would like to say that I have been there a number of times and the brothers have always given me a hearty welcome. I heartily second the nomination that the next Encampment be held at Batavia.

Past Col. Addington—At the request of a representative of a city which has always been a stronghold of Sons of Veterans way back in the 80's; at the request of a representative of that city I take great pleasure in presenting the name of Rome for the next Encampment.

Bro. Horton, No. 31—I second the nomination.

Frank K. Maples, No. 20.—It is a well known fact in Division Encampments the delegates from the lower end of the state have with one exception, last year at Peekskill, been compelled to travel more than 200 and sometimes 250 miles to attend these Division Encampments, and we have always cheerfully come. Kings county has 23 representatives upon the floor to-day, the largest representation from any one county. We will offer a place which has the best attractions in the known world, and that is saying a great deal. We offer Brooklyn for the Encampment of 1900. We have a large membership there and every one is united on this matter. W

will get together and give you a grand and good time. We have Coney Island, Rockaway Beach and the great bridge connecting us with the greater city of New York, and it is but a matter of justice that the delegates from the lower end of the State should have the Encampment for 1900.

Capt. Dolan, No. 28—I second the nomination.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—I have received a communication in relation to our next Encampment and will read it.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, June 21st, 1899.

C. H. E. Moran, Secretary Sons of Veterans State Encampment, Tweddle Building, Albany, N. Y.

On the part of our leading citizens we respectfully invite your members to hold their next annual convention in Saratoga Springs with the assurance that every convenience will be at your service and that a most hearty welcome will be extended.

We presume that you know "Beautiful Saratoga" but for your better information, as to our attractions, we send you, in separate cover, descriptive pamphlet "Saratoga the Beautiful."

We can make your visit to us both pleasant and inexpensive. No charge for our halls or meeting rooms. Board and hotel accommodations to meet your requirements.

Detailed correspondence solicited.

JOHN McDOWALL,
Chairman. F.

Past Col. Macy—I would like to inquire if there are a Camp and L. A. S. at Saratoga Springs.

By the Commander—There are not. A motion is in order to dispose of this communication.

R. M. Guenther, No. 60—I move for the communication received from the city of Saratoga Springs be received and filed.

Bro. Davis, No. 25—I second the motion.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—I would like to say when I received the communication I notified Mr. McDowall that I thought it would be impossible to meet there next year, but suggested that an application for a Camp of Sons of Veterans and a L. A. S. be made.

Past Col. Wyker—I would like permission to add to the motion that the communication be placed on file, and the Adjutant of our Division be instructed to thank the gentlemen for the invitation, and to state to them the

reasons why we cannot accept it at this time, and suggest they organize a Camp of Sons of Veterans.

Amendment accepted by mover of original motion and carried.

By the Commander—Batavia, Rome and Brooklyn are nominated. Are there any further nominations. A motion is in order to close the nominations.

J. Frank Durston, No. 52—I move the nomination be closed.

Bro. Riley, No. 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I will appoint Bro. Fraley, No. 8 and Bro. Harrington, No. 60 as tellers. The Adjutant will call the roll.

Roll call resulted in 175 votes cast as follows :

Brooklyn	-	-	90
Batavia	-	-	69
Rome	-	-	16

By the Commander—The City of Brooklyn having received a majority of all the votes cast I declare it selected as the place for the next Division Encampment.

Bro. Whitcomb, No. 8—I move you that the selection of Brooklyn be made unanimous.

Captain Abbott, Rome—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

Bro. Brainard, No. 43—I understand that at the last convention at Peekskill a resolution was passed making the Encampments a two day Encampment, and on behalf of the general committee from Utica I wish to enter a strong protest against it, hoping that the convention will reconsider this resolution and not handicap the Brooklyn committee.

By the Commander—A resolution covering that point can be introduced under new business.

Is there any unfinished business on the minutes. New business is now in order.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—I move you sir that the incoming administration be authorized to publish the by-laws as revised in the proceedings of this Encampment.

Bro. Kenefic, No. 25—I second the motion.

Past. Col. Holmes—I move as an amendment that they be published in pamphlet form.

Past Col. Macy—I second the amendment.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—I only introduced this motion for the purpose of having our by-laws before our Division, but if the brothers think it wiser to have them in pamphlet form I am perfectly willing that they should, and I accept the amendment.

Frank K. Maples, No. 20—I now offer an amendment to the motion that 500 copies be printed.

J. W. Parkhurst, No. 105—I second the amendment.
Motion put and carried as amended.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—I move you sir that one copy shall be sent to each Camp in the Division, and that the extra copies shall be placed on sale at 10 cents each.

Bro. Riley, No. 25—I second the motion.

Past Col. Wyker—I move as an amendment that one copy be sent to each sitting captain, and the number of delegates that the Camp is entitled to, gratuitously by the Division.

Bro. Vass, No. 19—I second the motion.

Frank K. Maples—I offer an amendment to the amendment that a copy be sent to each sitting captain, and to each delegate entitled to a seat in this Encampment.

Seconded by Brother.

By the Commander—The amendment offered by Bro. Maple is now before you. Any remarks? The amendment is carried.

Bro. Wyker's amendment to the motion of Adjutant Moran is now before you. Amendment is carried.

Original motion is now before you, placing sale of balance at 10 cents. The motion seems to be and is carried.

Bro. Brainerd, No. 43—I move you now that the session of the next Encampment to be held in Brooklyn be called for three days.

Past Col. Diven—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

B. G. Seamans, No. 105—I would like to offer a motion that the administration having in charge the publication of the by-laws if they find that 500 copies is not sufficient that they have the power to secure enough to supply according to the resolution just passed.

Bro. Kenefic, No. 25—I second the motion.

Past Col. Holmes—I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that the motion is out of order. A motion has been adopted to print 500 copies.

By the Commander your point of order is well taken.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—It is evident that the resolution just passed in regard to by-laws there has not been enough ordered, and I move you that we reconsider the resolution placing the amount of 500.

Bro. Riley, No. 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

B. G. Seamans, No. 105—I would now move that the number of by-laws published be 1,000 instead of 500.

Bro. Kenefic, No. 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—New business is now in order.

L. K. R. Laird, No. 35—I move that when we adjourn we adjourn to five o'clock this evening.

Bro. Dennison, No. 221—I second the motion,

E. C. Parkinson—I desire to amend and make it four o'clock.

Past Col. Macy—I second the amendment.

Dr. Bontecou—I move as an amendment that we adjourn to three o'clock, and that we continue in session until we have completed the business of this session.

Bro. Dennison, No. 221—I wish to say that we are not quite positive that the parade will be over by three or four o'clock, consequently I think five o'clock is time enough for this session called to order.

Bro. Herby, No. 43—The parade will be a short one, and as our program calls for an entertainment and ball

here to-night the janitor wishes to clean the hall out, and he would like to get into the hall as early as possible.

Dr. Bontecou—According to the program the committee have arranged for an entertainment to-night, which is billed for nine o'clock, and if we adjourn to five o'clock this afternoon it will be almost impossible to complete the work at this session. I think my amendment that we adjourn to three o'clock gives us all the opportunity to parade, and I hope the convention will support the amendment.

W. C. Gray, No. 43—For the information of the brothers would say we have arranged a short parade, and if you will be promptly on hand we can get through at four o'clock.

Bro. Horton, No. 31—If I understand it correctly this parade is scheduled to move at 1:30. Do I understand that it takes the Sons of Veterans from 1:30 to 4 o'clock to march one and one-half miles?

G. B. Brainard, No. 43—I warrant the march will not exceed one hour. If the brothers are prompt there is no reason why this convention cannot convene at three o'clock.

Question called several times, and motion passed to adjourn to three o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 3:35 o'clock, with Commander E. W. Estes in the chair.

By the Commander—Inspector, you will ascertain if all present are entitled to remain. The Surgeon will assist.

Inspector—On due inspection I find all present entitled to remain.

By the Commander—The Committee on Credentials will take their places on the platform, as there are other delegates just arrived.

We are now under the head of new business. There is a supplementary report to be read by the Committee on Resolutions.

E. C. Parkinson—I move that the sum of \$750 be appropriated from the Division treasury to defray the expenses of the Division as heretofore.

Bro. Petit, No. 221—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

Frank K. Maples, 20—Under the head of new business I have something to offer. I notice about the city and also about this hall, the beautiful flags with the cut of our order on, and I am sure that the comrades will agree with me that the Division own these cuts, and I therefore move that the cut be purchased, and that the sum of \$6.00 be appropriated for that purpose.

H. A. Russell, M. D., 20—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Has any brother any new business to offer? The Adjutant will call the roll of this Encampment and credit those present.

Past Col. Wyker—I move the roll call be dispensed with.

Division Surgeon Halpin—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—The Committee on Resolutions, I believe, has an additional report to offer.

Resolution read:

RESOLVED, That the action taken by the convention held at Schenectady on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd days of May, 1888, with reference to Mr. Julius Lehmann be and the same is hereby rescinded and the same is condemned, and the reference to Mr. Lehmann in the minutes of that convention is hereby expunged from the record of the Division minutes.

That the Division Commander appoint a committee of three who shall investigate and report to the next administration.

Frank K. Maples, 20—What is the recommendation the committee makes?

By the Commander—That a committee of three be appointed to report to the next convention. If there is no objection the recommendation of the committee will be adopted. Hearing none, the recommendation is adopted.

Is there any further new business to come before this Encampment? Next in order is the election and instal-

lation of officers, provided there is no more new business.

Past Col. Diven—I move that we now proceed to the election of officers, and nominating speeches be limited to five minutes.

Bro. Davey, 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Nominations are now in order for Commander.

Past Col. Oberdorf—I would move that the number of nominating speeches and the number of seconding speeches be limited to one for each candidate.

Past Col. Diven—I second the motion.

Frank K. Maples, 20—I do not think this is fair. There may be a number of comrades from different parts of the state who would like to say something.

George Addington—I do not know whether I want to make a speech for a candidate or not, but I agree with Brother Maples that this is not fair, and I trust this motion will not prevail. I believe every brother should have a chance to discuss the questions. I trust that the brother will withdraw his motion.

Past Col. Oberdorf—As my sole object was to save time and not to work any injustice, and as I am satisfied that should I insist upon this motion going before the house, we would consume more time debating my resolution, I withdraw it.

By the Commander—Nominations are now in order for Division Commander.

Past Col. Holmes—I move that we proceed to ballot for Division Commander.

J. W. Parkhurst, 105—I second the motion.

Past Col. Diven—I amend the motion that the ballot to be taken be an informal one.

A. J. Clark—I second the amendment.

Brother Baker, 221—It has been customary, whether by precedent or otherwise, that prior to taking a ballot for the election of an officer, that there be a candidate for that office, and if there is no candidate for this office, I do

not think it would be wise to ballot. Therefore I think the motion is entirely out of order.

By the Commander—The motion is not out of order.

Frank K. Maples, 20—I do not see the idea of this motion, and I do not see the idea of consuming time. I trust the men who have been selected to nominate the different candidates will have sand enough to nominate them.

J. W. Walker, 7—I move the motion and amendment be laid on the table.

Bro. Riley, 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

Bro. Pue, 88—I would like to place in nomination a brother of Utica here, and to start this thing going I would take pleasure in placing the name of Bro. Dockstader, of Camp No. 43, for Commander.

J. W. Walker, 7—Seeing that there are no other candidates I simply wish to present for your consideration as a candidate for Colonel, a man whose faithful membership in the organization covers a period of eighteen years.

The comrades of the Division who attend conventions know him, and to those who do not his name is also familiar. He is a comrade whose efforts on behalf of the Sons of Veterans have done much for our order, and whose earnestness, interest and devotion to it are things uncommon in this or any other society. It is customary for societies to honor and reward long and faithful membership, but in his long years of service I can recall but one time when he received the honor his services justly merited. He is intelligent, bright and witty, and is capable of filling any position which lies in our power to bestow upon him. We can make no mistake, brothers, if we select for Colonel, at this time, Comrade Charles H. E. Moran.

One year ago I heard rumors of a doubt that existed as to his ability to carry on successfully the duties of the office of Inspector of this Division. But his six months'

service in that office, and also his excellent work in the position of Adjutant have dispelled any doubt that may have existed as to his capabilities for office.

Last night on this platform one of the ladies made the remark that we needed earnest, patriotic, devoted, loyal men we had smart men enough. I appropriate that saying for my candidate and leave his name for your consideration. He has been loyal, patriotic and devoted, and to elect him to the office of Colonel will show our appreciation and gratitude for his excellent services.

Bro. Riley, No. 25—As Bro. Walker has properly expressed it we need, at the head of this Division, earnest and devoted men. There are those here that are nearer, and to whom he is dearer; No. 25 proves this here to-day. We have been with Moran, some of us but a short time, some of us ever since he went into the order. We know what he is, and the members of this Division who have attended the sixteen or seventeen Encampments know well what he is better than we do. I have been with Comrade Moran for fourteen or fifteen years. I was with him in the post system fifteen years ago.

Comrade Moran with our present Colonel has visited this state from end to end, and their work has been well done. When they found a camp that didn't do their work they did not go behind the door and say "they don't do their work," but told them right to their face what they done and what they should do. I can say from the last sixteen years of my acquaintance and association with Comrade Moran that I know of no one more suitable for the position than he.

Wm. B. Moynihan—I rise to place in nomination for the office of Colonel a Son of a Veteran that is in every way desirable, and possessed of all the necessary qualifications of making an admiral Colonel of the Division of New York, and in doing so I beg to call attention to the fact that the long list of past colonels does not contain one from the western part of the state. You have to-day select for the next Encampment the great city of New

York; you now propose to place the honors of the next Colonelcy upon the Eastern part of the state, and I ask in all the fairness why not give the western part of the state some consideration, and especially when we present a candidate that stands as the peer of any Son of a Veteran in the United States. A candidate that has been identified with the order for many years, a man of fearless temper, a man whose name was only mentioned last winter in Rochester when every Camp responded at once and endorsed his candidacy.

I want it clearly and distinctly understood that in presenting the name of Captain Parkinson we present his name as a candidate of the delegation from Rochester, and not as the candidate of any clique. He has no enemies and no special brothers to favor, and if elected Colonel, he will give an administration that will be successful. He is specially fitted for this work—long experience in your organization, honored repeatedly by his fellow men. He possesses those qualities that go to make up successful leaders, and with Capt. Parkinson in the chair the Sons of Veterans in the western part of New York will be thoroughly organized. The time has arrived when earnest work must be done, and when we shall select a leader that has the time and facilities for building up this great Division.

I have heard it said that there are objections to his candidacy because he was one of those men that made it possible for us to exist. It has been intimated that we ought not to select a Colonel among the G. A. R. We are not presenting him as a member of the G. A. R. We are presenting his name as a Son of a Veteran. While it is true he is one of the men who fought in '61 to '65, yet we do not ask especial consideration on that account, but we do ask that you do not discriminate against him because he is a veteran.

I ask you to elect Captain Parkinson Colonel of this Division. He has an unlimited amount of time to devote to the order. He will make an admirable commander; he

will lift the Sons of Veterans of the State of New York to the highest position that any organization ever attained. So I ask you to consider carefully, without any prejudices, the name of Captain Parkinson.

Chas. Hagen, No. 42—I desire to second the nomination of Capt. Parkinson. In doing so I feel that there is perhaps a personal explanation due from me to some of the members of this Encampment. When I came to the city of Utica to attend this Encampment in my own mind I had said that I would not support Parkinson; I had said Parkinson was not my candidate, and that I had had no use for an old man at the head of the Sons of Veterans. But I have met Bro. Parkinson, I never had met him before although I have seen the man, I have talked with him I have talked with members of his camp, I have talked with men of the G. A. R., and the reputation of Captain Parkinson as a man is a reputation that any man in this Encampment may well admire. The reputation of Capt. Parkinson as a veteran is a reputation as pure as the stars. I stand to second his nomination, and I trust notwithstanding the fact of his being a veteran that this Encampment will rise to a man and elect as the next commander of the New York Division, Capt. Parkinson.

Bro. Whitcomb, No. 18—If the time has come when the fact of being a veteran is to go against me as a Son of a Veteran it is time that we died an ignominious death. I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Captain Parkinson.

Past Col. Diven—I merely want to say that I think the reason urged against Capt. Parkinson as a member of the G. A. R. is the most potent reason why he should be elected our commander. I believe that the election of Capt. Parkinson, a member of the G. A. R. as well as the Sons of Veterans, will tend to cement the relations between the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans. I believe that Capt. Parkinson has back of him the banner Camp of the Empire State, No. 60. I believe to-day it is the largest camp, and I think we would do well to elect him our commander.

Past Col. Wyker—Commander and comrades. I deem it an especial privilege and honor in that I am permitted once again before an Encampment of the Sons of Veterans of this New York Division to present before you the name of a comrade for colonel. This is not the first time that I have presented a name for the consideration of an Encampment. In fact it is the third time, and both of the other times in spite of bossism, in spite of the uncrowned king, both of the other candidates were gloriously elected to the office of commander of this division; at Syracuse my personal friend Past. Col. George Addington, and at Peekskill the man who had served this division so well during the past year; and now with malice towards none but with love for all I have the pleasure of presenting to you the name of Dr. Ralph Sheldon of Albany.

I have not one word to say against the splendid gentleman who sits opposite me, a member of the G. A. R., and also a Son of a Veteran not a word. I have nothing to say against Charley Moran in fact I like the boy; but I do say in behalf of him who has conducted the business of Quartermaster of this Division during the past year, that never in the history of our order in the State of New York have the books been kept so well as they have been by the man that sits on that stage, Ralph Sheldon.

Just one single word in regard to that which has been said in reference to the G. A. R. The fact that the brother fought from '61 to '65 gives him one of the greatest honors he could possess without his coming into the ranks of the Sons of Veterans to get any more honor. It would be all right if there were not so many bright eyes—if there were not so many intelligent faces of young men in this Division, who are ready and competent to hold the office of Commander and who want to hold it. I for one say let the Sons of Veterans govern themselves and work for the members of the G. A. R. as an organization and do what they can towards keeping green the memories of former comrades. Ralph Sheldon is a man who is competent to perform the duties of the office of Commander of this Divis-

ion, and I earnestly hope and believe he will have the opportunity to do so.

Bro. Baker—I have the extreme pleasure of seconding the nomination of Dr. Sheldon.

Past Col. Oberdorf—The Division of the State of New York is to be congratulated that there are so many competent men on its roll of membership to fill the highest office within its gift, that of Division Commander. We are to be congratulated that so many of those names are presented to us to-day for our consideration, men to whom we may safely trust the destinies of our Division for the next twelve months, men who have been tried by experience and sterling work to give us the most that can be expected, of them, and the name that I shall mention at this time to receive your ballots in one whom I believe rises more to the requirements of the situation than any other. A man against whom nothing can be said, a man whose devotion to the Sons of Veterans has always been above reproach, a man whom every one of you respects even if you cannot vote for him. In mentioning his name I bear no ill will, no antagonism against the others, but in my judgment when you cast your votes for the candidate I mention you will do no injustice to any one, but you will do yourself credit. I take pleasure in mentioning the name of Doctor Sheldon.

J. Frank Durston, No. 52—It has been my pleasure to to attend a number of National Encampments with Bro. Parkinson, and to witness with great pleasure the esteem in which he is held by the brothers in these Encampments. I know he has the ability to command this Division, and I take pleasure on behalf of Camp No. 52 in seconding his nomination.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—I move we proceed to elect Bro. Riley, No. 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I will appoint as tellers Bro. Fraley, No. 8, Bro. Harrigan, No. 60 and Bro. G. A. Burnham, No. 13. The Adjutant will call the roll.

Roll call resulted in 181 votes being cast as follows :

Moran	-	-	-	60
Parkinson	-	-	-	51
Sheldon	-	-	-	70

By the Commander—There is no choice, and the Adjutant will call the roll for the second ballot.

Roll call resulted in 182 votes being cast as follows :

Moran	-	-	-	69
Parkinson	-	-	-	45
Sheldon	-	-	-	68

E. C. Parkinson, No. 60—Commander and Brothers.

The time has arrived for me to say something. I am deeply grateful, more so than I am able to express, for the efforts that have been made in my behalf on this floor both from those who desire my election as commander of this Division, and from these who are for another candidate in this Encampment. The question has arisen that perhaps because I had the honor of being a soldier, and being now a veteran and a member of the G. A. R., should detract in some measure from my loyalty as a Son of a Veteran. I desire to say it does not; I stand here as a Son of a Veteran, my sire being a worthy soldier, and I am here on this floor by virtue of that fact in the same manner that you are. I have watched with much interest the proceedings of this Encampment. I have always found that a good Quartermaster is eligible for promotion, and I take this opportunity of withdrawing the name of E. C. Parkinson and request my friends to cast their ballots for Ralph Sheldon.

By the Commander—The Adjutant will call the roll on the third ballot.

Roll call resulted in 182 votes being cast as follows :

Moran	-	-	-	74
Sheldon	-	-	-	108

C. H. E. Moran—In rising to make the election of Bro. Sheldon unanimous, I did not think that I would have the courage to do it, but I have found as at all times my courage has not failed me, and I stand here and thank

the brothers who have so nobly stood by me. I have no ill feelings for the brothers who saw fit to vote against me. To my worthy brother, Dr. Sheldon, with whom I have been associated these many years, do I extend the hand of good fellowship, and I most heartily move to make his election unanimous.

Bro. Kennefic, No. 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

Past Col. Addington—I desire the privilege of the floor for a few minutes, and most respectfully request you as Colonel of the Division to summon Past Col. Diven to the altar.

Past Colonel Diven escorted to the altar amid tremendous applause.

Past Col. Addington—Col. Diven, in behalf of the boys I have a pleasant duty before me, and I thank the boys for giving me the privilege of performing this duty. It seems to me that on this occasion to make any extended remarks would be useless, because this grand reception by the boys as you were brought before this altar seems to be sufficient. However, I must say a few words. I formed your acquaintance when you came to an Encampment, the first Encampment you attended, with a splendid body of young men; not looking for honors, but simply doing your duty in your vicinity for the benefit of the order. On account of your grand work locally, the Division saw fit to honor you by placing you at the head of the Division. You served the boys faithfully and well for a year, and you are dear to every one of them. On account of their love for you they desire me to present to you this little token, and I will read the words engraved on the back: "John M. Diven Commander New York Division 1897-1898. Love of the boys." I know you are devoted to the order, and I know that this token will increase your devotion, and that you and that you will be attached to the order for a long time.

Past Colonel Diven—Boys, I thank you. It is not necessary to say that I will cherish it. I shall wear this token and shall always be proud of it. I thank you

most heartily and shall always look upon this as a token of your love.

By the Commander—Next in order is the election of Senior Vice Division Commander. Nominations are now in order.

J. J. Rackiewicz, No. 135—I desire to place in nomination for the office of Senior Vice Commander of this Division the name of a brother widely known, not only in the camps in his own locality, but throughout the entire Division. To place in nomination the name of a brother whose constant and untiring devotion to the interests of our order are assurances that he will discharge the duties of this office faithfully and well. I deeply regret that my words are hardly equal to the justice of his abilities. He has served in his Camp for six years. He has risen from picket guard to highest in the camp, and he has been honored with the chairmanship of the County Memorial Committee. He comes from the great city of New York, and I assure my brothers that if you elect this brother I have in mind, New York City will do its share in placing the New York Division where it belongs. I take pleasure in placing in nomination the name of Geo. W. Toell.

Past Col. Oberdorf—By the wishes of this Encampment the office of Division Commander has gone to Albany, Geographically the other parts of the great state of New York should not be ignored. The east has that of Division Commander, and what better office can you place in the western part of the state than that of Senior Vice Division Commander, and when you know the name of the brother whom I shall mention, I am confident that nearly all the brothers within hearing of my voice will be glad that his name is before you for your votes. You have known him in the past, you have known him at this Encampment. He is a man that if necessity should call him to be the head of this Division, would be capable of discharging the duties with credit and honor. He is a man that, come what may, in the discharge of his duties will be found fully adequate to every emergency. I mention for your consideration the name of Wm. B. Moynihan of Rochester.

Frank K. Maples, No. 20—Some few years ago I became captain of a camp. At that time the camp was deep down in the mire, and in looking over the ground for assistance to rebuild our camp I found it would be absolutely necessary to get new material. I had the honor of proposing and mustering into Camp 20 a member who from the very night he took his obligation, has been a hard and earnest worker in Camp 20. This is not his first Division Encampment; he has attended several, and is fully capable of filling any office. He is an enthusiastic and loyal Son of a Veteran, a man whom we all love and love dearly, and I sincerely trust and believe that every member of this convention will vote for Geo. W. Toell.

Bro. Wright—On behalf of the Rochester delegation I desire to second the nomination of Bro. Wm. B. Moynihan. Bro. Moynihan is not a new man at these Encampments. He is one of the oldest men of the order in the city of Rochester, the city which has more sons of Veterans in proportion of population than any other town or city in the State of New York. We are proud of Bro. Moynihan, and we will be proud to see him elected.

By the Commander—The Adjutant will call the roll.

Adjutant proceeds to call the roll.

George W. Toell, No. 20—I rise to make the election of Bro. Moynihan unanimous.

Bro. Moynihan unanimously elected Sr. Vice Division Commander.

By the Commander—Next in order is the election of Junior Vice Division Commander. Nominations are now in order.

Isaac H. Smith, No. 78—I am requested by a great many comrades in the lower Hudson River valley to place in nomination a brother for this office, and as the time is drawing late I shall not take up any of your time. I place in nomination Bro. Chas. D. Hauptmann.

B. G. Seamans, No. 105—I second the nomination.

Bro. Bannon—I move you the nomination be closed.

Bro. Wilcox, No. 78—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Next in order is the election of Division Council. Nominations are in order.

Past Col. Hoeffling—I would like to place in nomination a brother who if elected will certainly serve in a more capable manner than your past council has done. He was appointed to serve as a substitute on the council at this Encampment, and as it is growing late I will not take up any more of your time, but will simply mention the name of Albert Sievers Jr., of Camp No. 74.

Past Col. Holmes—The office of Division Council as you know is very important. I desire to place in nomination as Division Council Past Colonels E. W. Estes, W. H. Wyker and L. J. Macy.

By the Commander—I thank the brother but am compelled to decline in favor of Past. Col Diven.

Bro. Hatter, No. 74—I would like to second the nomination of Albert Sievers Jr., for Division Council. I would like to say also that he is the only one the Commander has seen fit to mention in his report to this convention.

J. Frank Durston, No. 52—I take great pleasure in placing in nomination for Division Council, Geo. B. Cathers Past Quartermaster of this Division.

Isaac Smith, No. 78—I desire to second the nomination of Albert Sievers, Jr.

Bro. Schoeneck, No. 166—I take pleasure in seconding Bro. Cathers's nomination.

Brother Jenkins, No. 28—I move the nominations be closed.

L. K. R. Laird, No. 35—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—The Adjutant will call the roll.

Roll call resulted in 357 votes being cast, as follows :

Albert Sievers Jr.	-	-	97
Past Col. Wyker	-	-	70
Past Col. Macy	-	-	60
Past Col. Diven	-	-	53
Geo. B. Cathers	-	-	77

Bros. Sievers, Wyker and Cathers declared elected.

By the Commander—Next in order is the election of Delegates at Large.

Past Col. Addington—I present the name of Bro. Swan of New York Mills for Delegate at Large.

Past Col. Wyker—It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of J. G. Swan.

C. H. E. Moran—I desire also to second the nomination of Brother Swan.

Isaac H. Smith, No. 78—I move you the nomination be closed, and that Bro. Swan be unanimously elected.

Seconded by several brothers.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—The next in order is the election of Alternate Delegate at Large.

Chas. Hagen No. 42—I wish to place in nomination a man who has been until now a candidate for the office of Delegate at Large, but who has withdrawn in favor of Bro. Swan. I take pleasure in nominating Bro. H. H. Parker of Gloversville.

Frank K. Maples, No. 20—I move you the nominations be closed, and Bro. Parker unanimously elected.

Seconded by several brothers.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Next in order is the election of seven delegates.

Past. Col. Macy—I take pleasure in presenting the following :

Frank K. Maples,	No.	20
Thomas Gray,	"	135
Frank P. Connell,	"	21
H. P. Hollister,	"	64
W. A. Personius,	"	88
George H. Pease,	"	72
Isaac H. Smith,	"	78

Dr. Bontecou, No. 86—I desire to nominate Wm. D. Spear No. 3, and Edward Parkinson.

F. K. Maples withdrew his name.

By the Commander—The Adjutant will call the roll, Roll called.

Past Col. Oberdorf—While the tellers are counting the vote I wish the Commander of the Division would step to the altar.

Col. Estes escorted to altar mld prolonged cheers,

Past. Col. Oberdorf—Bro. Estes. I was requested to speak for this Encampment, but they spoke for themselves, and not only do I hear the sons of guns but I hear the guns. But to fulfill the mission intrusted to me. The Division of New York I assure you Bro. Estes hold you in high esteem, and while I say esteem, love would better express the regards and the feelings that those boys of the New York Division have for you. A slight token of their love has been intrusted to me to present to you, and in doing this I assure you it hardly conveys the full expressions of admiration and esteem that they hold towards you. In a financial way it represents an expenditure of money; in a sentimental way goes with it the heart throbs of us all. In parting with your official career I say truly and frankly it is with regret to us, notwithstanding the C. R. and R. of our order says that your official career must end to-night, and in bidding you farewell as Division Commander we welcome you to the ranks of the boys. From that high position you come to us nearer and dearer than ever before, and I say farewell, yes, farewell.

Col. Estes—Bro. Oberdorf and brothers of this Encampment. I cannot express my thoughts at this hour as I would like to do and I cannot say I am surprised because I knew you had something of the kind under contemplation. I have given you my best service. I have expressed to you in my report all that was in my heart, and I feel that I can not say anymore along those lines. But there are two things that I might express to you now as I thank you for this beautiful token. When I was told a few hours ago in a joking way that I would be a back number in a few hours I smiled, but the thought came to me at the same time that as a Son of a Veteran I would never be a back number. I propose to work doubly harder in the future than I have in the past. I propose to exercise my right of coming to these Encampments each year, and of representing you in the national body each

year, and I propose to work as one of the humblest in the ranks from day to day. Now that I have moved to the Greater New York I want to take up the work in conjunction with the brothers representing that city, and where much I believe can be accomplished during the next year. Let us brothers in the Greater New York feel as brothers; let us drop everything that has gone, that has been unpleasant, and when we come here next year let us be as one body, with warm fraternal greetings for each one of us. This is all that I have to say. You will find me here, and I sincerely trust that this coming year will give us a year of success unparalleled in the past.

The Tellers here announced the result of the voting for Delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief, and the following were elected

Frank P. Connell,
E. C. Parkinson,
Thomas Gray,
H. P. Hollister,
W. A. Personius,
Isaac H. Smith,
William D. Spear.

By the Commander—Next in order is the election of seven Alternate Delegates.

Brother—I nominate the following brothers :

J. V. Bogart,
Bro. Heinsoth,
Geo. H. Pease,
Bro. Atkin,
H. G. Morgan,
L. J. Danbmann,
E. J. Harrigan.

By the Commander—If there are no objections the nominations will be declared closed. Hearing none, so ordered.

Past Col. Wyker—I move you the brothers mentioned be declared unanimously elected Alternate Delegates.

Joseph A. Bannon—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

Adjutant C. H. E. Moran—I move you sir, the minutes of the stenographer be the minutes of this encampment

Jos. A. Bannon—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Next in order is the Installation of Officers.

Commander-elect Ralph Sheldon will please name his Installing Officer.

Commander-elect Sheldon—I have selected an Installing Officer Past Col. Oberdorf.

Past Col. Oberdorf here assumes command and in due form installs the officers elect for the ensuing year, also the following staff:

Surgeon—Dr. Charles Vetter,
Mustering Officer—Jos. Bannon,
Chaplain—L. J. Dambann,
Judge Advocate—John F. Rogers,

Col. Sheldon is now escorted to his station.

Past. Col. Estes—Commander Sheldon. For a number of years I saw this rank strap transferred at each succeeding Encampment from Past Colonel to each incoming Commander. It began with Holmes, good faithful Homes, it passed to Robertson, and all our Division Commanders have worn this emblem on their breast. It is now faded and and old, but I have prized it during the past year, and every time that I have put on my uniform I have glanced at that faded emblem of the rank I held. I now propose, Col. Sheldon, to pin this rank strap upon your breast, and as I do so I am fully convinced that no commander that we have ever had has served more faithfully, more loyally or more conscientiously than you will.

Col. Sheldon—Past Col. Estes and Brothers. I accept his insignia of rank, and hope that at the end of the year, and my administration, that none may feel sorry for having given their vote for me as the commander for the next year. To you, my officers, I shall expect much work. We can not do much alone, but from all of us together the Division may expect much, and from you the brothers of the Division I expect much work. I want to see at the end of my administration a membership of 5,000 in this Division, and I hope that you will all take off

your coats, throw all differences aside, and go to work.

The sixteenth annual Encampment was declared adjourned, and closed in due from 7:30 P. M. by the Commander, Ralph Sheldon.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

COLONEL RALPH SHELDON

Dr. Ralph Sheldon was born in Pultneyville, N. Y., August 12th, 1870. His father Dr. K. F. Sheldon enlisted in the 7th N. Y. Cavalry in August 1861, as Assistant Surgeon and served with it until mustered out, April 1862. He then enlisted in the 78th N. Y. Vol. and served about three months when he was assigned to duty in the Medical Director's office, where he served until October 1863, when he took charge of Campbell U. S. General Hospital, Washington, D. C., and remained in charge until July 1865. Bro. Sheldon moved to Lyons when a young boy where he received his earlier education and graduated from the High School. He afterwards took up the study of medicine, graduating from the Albany Medical College. After a year of hospital training he took up the practice of his profession in Albany, N. Y., where he now resides. He was one of the charter members of S. D. Holmes Post No. 82 of Lyons, N. Y., afterwards S. C. Ridgran Camp No. 39. He has held every office from Pickett Guard to Captain in his camp, filling the latter for three successive years. During his fourteen years of membership in the Order he has missed but four Division Encampments. During that time he has held office both upon the staff of the Commander-in-Chief and the Division Commander. During the past year Bro. Sheldon held the office of Division Quartermaster. Was elected Division Commander at Utica June 28th, 1899. As a Son of a Veteran he is a thorough believer in the principles of the Order and enthusiastic and tireless in laboring for its advancement.

ELDRIDGE W. ESTES, Past Colonel.

Eldridge W. Estes was born in Norfolk, Va., April 8th, 1867. His father, M. D. Estes, enlisted at the beginning of the war in the United States Navy, and served one year on the U. S. S. Montgomery. On the expiration of his first term, he re-enlisted in the Third New York Cavalry and served until the end of the war. His brother Eldridge was lost in Wilson Cavalry raid and is believed to have died in Andersonville prison.

Bro. Estes lived for several years in Norfolk, afterwards removing to Rochester and Clayton, N. Y., but is now a resident of Jersey City, N. J., where he holds a responsible position as Central New York manager of the Great Bear Spring Co. He was educated at the Pennington Seminary, Pennington, N. J. He became interested in the formation of the Sons of Veterans early in life, by aiding in the organization and becoming the first Captain of the Cadet Corps, connected with the Veteran Battalion of Rochester, in 1881. Out of this Corps grew Glidden Camp. Upon removing to Clayton, Bro. Estes organized the W. Niles Smith Camp No. 220, and was elected its captain for four terms and was also elected Captain of Reno Camp, No. 102, but is now a member of Frederick Townsend Camp, No. 1.

He has attended every Division Encampment since becoming a member, and upon his invitation the Division Encampment of 1893 was held in Clayton, and the pleasant time enjoyed there will live long in the memory of those present.

Bro. Estes was elected chairman of the Division Council in 1893, and re-elected in 1894. At Syracuse in 1894 he was elected Delegate at large to the Knoxville Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief, which he attended. At the Waverly Encampment in 1896, he was unanimously chosen Senior Vice Division Commander. In 1898, at Peekskill, Bro. Estes was elected Division Commander.

As a Son of a Veteran, he is one of the most popular members of the Order; thoroughly imbued with its prin-

ciples, enthusiastic and tireless in laboring for its advancement. The Order is fortunate in numbering him among its loyal sons.

Col. Estes married Laura, daughter of W. Niles Smith of Clayton, in 1889. Three children blessed their union.

When not engaged in furthering the interests of his Company for the Order, the Colonel will be found at home. He has a large private library, and the careful selection of its contents marks him as a man of excellent literary tastes.

WILLIAM B. MOYNIHAN, Senior Vice Division Commander.

William B. Moynihan was born in Rochester, N. Y., on the 25th day of July, 1853, and received a common school education. At the age of eighteen he entered the employ of E. H. Cook & Co., and learned the steam and gas fitting trade which he followed until 1887 when he was appointed a letter carrier in his native city, which position he occupies at the present time. Having a natural liking for society work he has served as President of the Steamfitters and Plumber's Union, President of the Letter Carriers Association, is now Grand Foreman of the Grand Lodge of the Stats of New York, Ancient Order of United Workmen. In the year 1889, he joined C. A. Glidden Camp S. O. V., and has served as Chaplain, First Lieutenant and Captain of the Camp. At the Utica Encampment he was elected Senior Vice Division Commander.

CHARLES T. HAUPTMAN, Junior Vice Division Commander.

Charles Tunis Hauptman was born in Irvington, New York, in March, 1871, in which town he received his education, removing to this village about 16 years ago. He derived his right to membership in the Sons of Veterans from his father Charles H. Hauptman, who enlisted in Company A. Battalion of United States Engineers, in Sept.,

1861, as Private, and who served until the close of the war being honorably discharged therefrom. Major Hauptman's work in the order is well known, and he has served in all his positions with honor and faithfulness. He was first attached to the order in 1889 as a charter member of Colonel T. F. Morris Post, No. 135 of Yonkers, N. Y., he was immediately appointed Sergeant Major by Commander Dinan, and in 1890 was elected Quartermaster of the same Post. During the latter part of 1890 the Post was disbanded in favor of the Camp System, and he did not again join the order until 1894, when he helped to organize our own General George Meade Camp and was elected to the office of 1st Lieutenant and re-elected in 1895. In 1896 he was elected to the office of Captain and re-elected for three consecutive terms and absolutely declined to serve the fourth term, but accepted the appointment as 1st Sergeant for the best interests of the Camp. On his retirement from the office of Captain, he was presented with a gold badge by the camp as a token of thanks for his faithful services. During his time as captain the camp has become one of the best camps in the county, having been rated at the last official inspection of his term at 93 out of a possible 100.

R. BRINSMADE BONTECOU, M. D.

R. Brinsmade Bontecou was born December 1st, 1864. His father enlisted as assistant surgeon in the 2nd N. Y. Vols., and was afterward in charge of transporting and conveying the wounded from the Southern to the Northern hospitals. He was then for a short time in charge of the general hospital at Beauford, South Carolina, and in 1863 was appointed Surgeon-in-Chief of Harewood general hospital where there were 3000 wounded soldiers. At this latter place Bro. R. Brinsmade Bontecou was born. He afterward removed to Troy in 1866. He spent the first of his life at school at home and boarding school until 1883 when he entered Williams college; stayed a year and a half; then at Harvard where taking a special course;

finally entering University of Columbia medical department and graduated from there in 1889. He was founder of W. B. Tibbitts camp, No. 86 of Troy. He has held various offices in the camp from commanding officer down. Has been Aide upon the commander's staff; surgeon of the Division in 1897 and 1898 and during the past year adjutant. He has been president and secretary of the Rensselaer Medical society; assistant health officer of city of Troy, pension examiner for the last six years, member of medical society of state of New York and Rensselaer County Medical society, Medical society of Troy and vicinity, was also a member of Troy Citizens Corps and served in the strike at Buffalo.

H. C. SCOFIELD, Division Quartermaster.

H. C. Scofield was born in Stamford, Conn., May 7, 1875. His father served in the 24th Conn. Vol. Inf., enlisting at seventeen years of age. He served in every engagement with his regiment. Mr. Scofield comes on both sides from English Puritan stock and his ancestors settled in southwestern Connecticut and were among the pioneer settlers of that region. In the Indian wars his ancestors took part. His great great grandfather enlisted in the Revolutionary cause at sixteen, against his father's wishes, running away from home to do so. Mr. Scofield joined John M. Simms camp S. of V. Dept. of Conn. six years ago. Upon removing to Troy, N. Y., he transferred to General Tibbitts camp and is now a charter member of Jacob H. Teneyck camp of Albany. He was appointed on the staff of Col Sheldon and is now serving as quartermaster of the New York Division.

CHARLES VETTER, JR., Division Surgeon

Charles Vetter, Jr., was born on September 28th, 1876, in New York City. He was educated in the public schools of New York City, attending Grammar Schools No. 13 and 9, graduating from the latter. Also attended the East

Side Evening High School for two seasons and a private school for two years. After this he took a three years' course at the New York College of Dentistry, graduating from the latter in the year 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, then attended the Bellevue Hospital Medical College for one year.

Charles Vetter, Jr., began his career as a practising dentist with his father in the city of New York. Upon the death of his father in May, 1898, he took entire charge of the business and has carried on the same successfully since. He also holds a position at the New York College of Dentistry as assistant to Prof. Starr, on operative dentistry and dental therapeutics, and also demonstrator of operative technics. He is also dental surgeon to the sisters of St. Francis Hospital.

Charles Vetter, Jr., became connected with the order of Sons of Veterans on February 11, 1896, joining Koltes Camp No. 171, holding the office of second lieutenant in 1897, also serving on the Camp Council and as Judge Advocate, and elected as captain in January last to serve during the year 1899.

LOUIS J. DAMBMAN, Division Chaplain.

Louis J. Dambman became connected with the order of Sons of Veterans (post system) about fifteen years ago. He became a charter member and was the first lieutenant of Steinwehr, now Gilsa Camp, in 1890. Was elected captain in 1893 and has held various other offices in his camp since that time. He was appointed Division Chaplain at Utica in June, 1899. Brother Dambman is thirty-three years of age, and is a civil engineer by occupation, and has been employed in the department of public works and water supply of New York City since 1893. He is a most enthusiastic and energetic worker for the order of Sons of Veterans.

CHARLES C. HAGEN, Division Inspector.

Charles C. Hagen was born at Lansingburg, N. Y., on May 11, 1873. He is a son of J. J. Hagen, who served three years as captain of Co. B, 2d N. Y. V. I. Charles received his education in the public schools and at Lansingburg academy and is a graduate of the Albany Law school. He was mustered into Samuel King Camp No. 42 in 1891, and served three years as chaplain. Was elected captain in 1895-96, has served on the Camp Council since that time and is also a corporal of the guard. He represented the camp as delegate-at-large at Syracuse in '95, and at Waverly in '96 was elected a delegate to the Commandery-in-Chief at Louisville, Ky.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, Brother Hagen enlisted in the 6th Separate Company N. G. S. N. Y. The company left Troy May 2, and, when mustered into the U. S. service, became Co. A. of the 2d New York Vol. Inf., in which he served until the regiment was mustered out in October. He saw no active service, being stationed at Camp Black, Chickamauga, Tampa and Fernandina. At the latter place he was taken ill with malarial fever and returned home on sick leave. He was ill about nine weeks. He joined the K. O. C, at Syracuse, and at Utica was appointed Lord High Sheriff by Most Royal Supreme 999. A member of Camp No. 42 S. V.; Riverside Club, John S. Fake Hook and Ladder Co. Appointed Division Inspector by Col. Sheldon in August, 1899.

JOHN F. ROGERS, Judge Advocate.

John F. Rogers was born in Plainfield, Otsego county, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1863. Received an academic education, graduating from the West Winfield academy. He began the study of law in the office of the late Hon. S. S. Morgan at West Winfield, N. Y. Later he read law in the office of Henderson & Bell at Herkimer and with E. D. Matthews at Utica, N. Y. was admitted to the bar at Utica in April 1888 and at once began the practice of law in that city. He

was elected to the office of justice of the peace of Utica in March, 1889 and re-elected in November 1893 and served until the expiration of his term Dec. 31, 1897. Since then has continued the practice of law and does now enjoy a lucrative practice with office at 182 Genesee street, Utica, N. Y. Mr. Rogers is a member of Faxon Lodge F. & A. M. No. 697 of the Masonicclub and also of the Utica chamber of commerce. He was mustered in as a Son of Veteran in April 1898 as a member of Winchell camp No. 43 S of V and has since taken an active interest in all matters relating to and in which Sons of Veterans are concerned. He is now Judge Advocate of N. Y. Division S of V. He enjoys a wide acquaintance in counties of Herkimer, Oneida and Otsego and has been for fifteen years quite active in politics. In politics is a democrat. His father was a member of 1st N. Y. artillery. "Bates Battery" recruited at Utica, N. Y. He served under McClellan from September 1861 until his discharge in 1863 being in the battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Bottom's Bridge, all through the Seven Days fight and also at Malvern Hill.

ALBERT SIEVERS, Jr., Division Council.

Was born December 3d, 1875, in the City of Yonkers in the County of Westchester, State of New York where he now resides. He became a Charter member of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan Camp No. 74, S. V., and was elected First Lieutenant and was then elected Captain of the Camp twice. He served as Aide on Col. Courtney's and Col. Estes' staff, obtaining credit for his meritorious work. Bro. Sievers since his connection with the Order has not missed a meeting of his Camp or a Division Encampment.

CHARLES H. E. MORAN, Past Division Adjutant.

Bro. Moran was born in Albany, N. Y., July 21, 1864, and derives his membership in the order from the fact that his father, Thomas Moran, who is also a member of the

order, served in both the army and navy during the civil strife of '61-'65. Brother Moran became identified with the order in June, 1882, by joining Fred'k Townsend Post No. 1, of Albany. He was one of the promotors and charter members of the famous James M. Warner Post No. 30, of Albany, in which organization he held many important offices, up to and including Senior Vice Commander. In August, 1886, he resigned from the office of Senior Vice Commander in Post 30, and took a transfer to Post 25 (now Camp 25) of Greenbush, which at that time had but eight members and was in the act of surrendering its charter, but through the efforts of Brother Moran, Post 25 six months after he became a member, was able to report 36 members in good standing and over \$800 in its treasury. A most remarkable fact is that Bro. Moran never held an elective office in Post 25, his first office dating from the time of the consolidating of the post with the camp system. Brother Moran was appointed Assistant Adjutant General of the first national organization of the post system by Commander-in-Chief J. J. Dowling. He was elected a member of the Department Council of Administration at Ithaca in 1888 and re-elected at Peekskill in 1889. In February of the following year he resigned from this body and with Post 25 entered the camp system under the act of consolidation. At this time he was elected Captain of his Camp to which position he has been elected five times in June 1891 he organized the Camp 25 Cadet Corps and has held the position of Captain since its organization. At the outbreak of the Spanish American war he joined the Albany Rangers. [This organization composed of about 2,200 men was maintained during the war at a cost of over \$7,000 by some of Albany's wealthiest citizens,] and was made Captain of Co. C, he was appointed by Col. E. W. Estes to the office of Division Inspector in June 1898 and Division Adjutant in March, 1899. For this work as Division Inspector he was highly complimented by Inspector General F. W. Briggs. For the work performed by him and for the general make up and the excellence of this report he was the only Division officer reporting to the Encampment to receive special mention in

the report of Division Commander E. W. Estes. Not only for his work as Division Inspector but also for the faithful performance of his Duties as Division Adjutant. At this Encampment he was a candidate for the office of Division Commander and after one of the most spirited contests ever had in this Division was defeated on the third ballot. Brother Moran is deeply interested in the work of our order. He also has a record of attending every Encampment since becoming a member of the order. He was also elected to and attended every National Encampment of the Post system. He was also elected delegate to the Special Encampment held in Albany in May, 1889, which repudiated the act of consolidation between the Post and Camp system Sons of Veterans.

GEORGE B. CATHERS, Clerk Division Council.

George B. Cathers, the present Clerk of the Division Council, was born October 30th, 1870, in Syracuse, N. Y., which has always been his home. Bro. Cathers has always shown a deep interest in the Order, filling many important positions since his muster, which occurred October 15th, 1891.

Chosen alternate delegate to the State Encampment in 1893, and delegate in '96, '98 and '99. He gave his camp faithful representation at those meetings besides attending many other Division gatherings where he had no official voice.

Among the camp offices acceptably filled by him are Sergeant of the Guard, First Sergeant, Quartermaster Sergeant, Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant.

Filling as he does, an important and responsible position as head bookkeeper for a large manufacturing concern he was eminently qualified to discharge the duties of Division Quartermaster, to which position he was appointed by Col. A. G. Courtney in 1896, and the many complimentary remarks which have been made upon the condition of the Division books at the close of his term of office testified to his ability as an accountant.

Bro. Cathers was also Secretary and Treasurer of the 1895 Encampment Committee and his energy and good management contributed largely to the success of that meeting. Besides his membership in Thos. Merriam Camp No. 52, he is an active member of a number of Masonic bodies, Central City Lodge No. 305, F. & A. M., Central City Chapter No. 70 R. A. M., Central City Council No. 13 R. and S. M. and Central City Commandry No. 25, Knights Templar. Bro. Cathers' father who died December 2nd, 1875, served in the Rebellion in Co, C. 185th, N. Y. Vol. Inf.

CHAS. A. SCHOENECK, Past Member of Div. Council.

Was born at Syracuse, N. Y., March 29th, 1866, was a charter member of General Snipe Camp 166 when it was organized in 1886; has held nearly every office in his camp, and is now serving his fifth term as Captain. It 1897 he was appointed Mustering officer and in 1898 at Peekskill he was elected a member of the Division Council.

CHARLES F. SHERMAN, Past Chaplain.

The subject of this sketch was born in Redding, Conn., 1872. His father was a member of the 11th and afterward of the 13th Regiment, Conn. Vol. In February, 1890, he joined Wm. H. Mallory camp No. 11, Conn. Division, Sons of Veterans, which was located at Bridgeport, and from that time has never lost interest in the order of Sons of Veterans. He served this camp as quartermaster sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and was elected captain three times successively; also served on the colonel's staff as Aide and mustering officer and during the last year of his residence in Connecticut was Junior Vice Division Commander.

During the past five years he has lived at Mount Vernon, N. Y., and been a member of Charles J. Nordquist camp, No. 64, of the same place. He has served this camp in various capacities and is now Quartermaster Sergeant.

As Division Chaplain on the staff of Colonel E. W. Estes, he tried very hard to make a record for reports from

camp and was enabled to receive a greater number than for four previous years, which was only accomplished by writing many letters.

Previous to and since coming to Mount Vernon he has had much to do with Ladies Aid societies having served as Judge Advocate three terms.

He has always been active in working for the order and since coming to Mount Vernon has assisted in organizing and mustered a new camp at Bridgeport, Conn., his old home.

By profession Brother Sherman is a teacher and now owns and personally conducts the Mount Vernon Business School, an institution that has been registered by the University of the State of New York, and is of a recognized standing in Westchester county.

JOHN L. CRONIN, Past Member of Div. Council.

John L. Cronin, junior partner in the firm of Murphy & Cronin ranks among the most prominent of Buffalo's young lawyers. He was born in this city in 1875 and was educated in the public schools and high school. He read law in the office of James C. Fullerton, and later with Hazel & Abbott. In 1894 he entered the Buffalo Law School, graduating and securing admission to the bar two years later. Mr. Cronin possesses an exceptionally bright and logical mind, and in the practice of his profession he is painstaking and conscientious, always giving his clients his best and most earnest endeavors. Mr. Cronin has figured in a number of prominent cases, and judging from his past record his future will be one of greater prominence.

He was the organizer of Queen City Camp No. 85, Sons of Veterans of Buffalo, and was its captain for two terms, and was elected a member of the Camp Council for the present year. He is second Vice-President of the Memorial and Executive Committee of the Grand Army of the city of Buffalo, and the Peekskill Encampment in 1898 was elected a member of the Division Council of the State.—Buffalo Sunday Times Sept. 10th, 1899.

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